

ANNO XXVIII.
HENRICI
VIII.



Actes made in the Parlia-
ment begunne and holden at West-
minster the viii. day of June, in the
xxviii. yere of the reigne of our most
high soueraigne lord kinge Henry
viii. and there continued and kepte
till the dissolution of the same Parliament the
xxviii. of July, to the honour of God and
for the common weale and profite
of this Realme.



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HENRICI OCTAVI.

In acte that felons abiuryng for pety treason, murder, or felony, shall not be admitted to the benefyte of their clergie. Cap. p^{ri}imum.



Where in the last parliament begunne and holden at London, the thyrty day of Nouembre, in the .xxi. yere of h^{is} kynges most gracious reigne, & from thence adiourned to Westminster, and there holden and continued by Dyvers and sundry prorogacions, It was enacted amongs other thinges, that such person and persons, whiche dyd flee or resort to any parish church, cemetary, or other lyke halowed place for tuicion of his life, by occasion of any murder robbery or other felony, by the same person committed, & therupon confessed any murder felonye or other offence befoze a crowner: for which the same person by the lawe of this realme afoze that tyme vsed, should abiure and passe out of this realme, should be directed by the crowner to take his abiuration to any one sanctuary, being within this realme, which the same person would electe and chose, there to remaine as a sanctuary man abiured, during his naturall lyfe. And if after such abiuration, any person so abiured, came out of the same sanctuary, to the which he was assigned, and bee taken without the same sanctuary, not hauynge the kynges speciall pardon or licence so to do: that then euery suche person abiured, and after abiuration taken without sanctuary, whereunto he was assigned, should suffre like peine of deathe, and after lyke maner should be ordred, as he should haue done and abyden, in case he had abiured this realme for murder or felony, & after such abiuration had returned againe into this realme, contrarye to the lawes of this lande. And it was further ordeyned by the same acte, y^e if any suche sanctuary person so abiured, or any other person or persons, whiche then were, or at any time after should happē to be in any sanctuary of this realme for doynge of any pety treason murder or felony, or for beyng accellary to any such offences: or if any person or persones, whiche at any time after the making of y^e same acte, should take any sanctuary of this realme for any pety treason, murder or felony, or for being accellary to any such offences, or vpon abiuration: and so beinge in sanctuary for any suche cause matter or offere, afterward comit any pety treason, murder or felony with in the same sanctuary, or be accellary to any suche offences, or go out of the same sanctuary, and committe any pety treason, murder, or felonye, or be accellary to any such offences, and afterward come again to the same sanctuary: or take any other sanctuary for the same: that euerye suche person and persons, beyng indited for anye of the sayde causes or offences, should lose the priuiledge of y^e sanctuary by him taken, and of euery other sanctuary within this realme for any such cause of pety treason, murder, felony, or abiuration, or for any accellary to any such offences.

And it was further ordeyned by y^e same acte, that all fozeine pleas, triable by the countrey, which should be pledead by any person or persons arrai-

ned byon inditement for any pety treason, murder, or felony, shoulde bee tried before the same Justices, afore whom suche persons shoulde be arrayned, and by the same iurours of the countie, that shall trie the pety treason murder or felony, without any further respite or delay: And that no person arrayned for any pety treason, murder, or felony, shoulde be admitted to any paimtoye challenge aboute the numbze of. xx. whiche acte was made to endure to the ende of the next parliament, as by the said act amōges diuers clauses and prouisions contayned in the same moze plainly is expresse.

¶ And where also in the same parlyament it was enacted, that no person or persons, which shoulde happen to be found guilty after the lawes of this realme for any maner of pety treason, or for any wyfull murder of malice pretended, or for robbing of anye churches, chappelles, or other holpe places, or for robbing any persone or personnes in theyr dwellinge howses or dwellinge place, the owner or dweller in the sayde howse, his wyfe, his children, or seruautes then being within, and put in feare and dreade by the same: Or for robbing of any persone or personnes in or nere aboute the hyghe wayes, or for wyfull burnynge of anye dwellinge houses or barnes, wherein any cozne or grayne shall happen to be: nor that any person or persons beyng founde gyltie of any abettment, procurement, helpynge, mainteyninge, or counsaylinge of or to any such pety treason, murders, or felons, shoulde bee admitted to the benefite of theyr clergy (suche as be within holy orders, that is to say, of the orders of subdeacon or aboute all onely except) with many other clauses and prouisions contayned in the said acte, as by the same acte moze plainly appereth: which acte was also made to continue and endure to the laste daye of the nexte parliament.

¶ And where also in the same parlyamente it was further enacted, that euery suche personne and persons, whiche shoulde happen to be indyted of any pety treason, wyfull burnynge of houses, murder, robbery, or burglary, or other felony, accordinge to the tenour and meaninge of the sayde estatute nexte above rehearsed, and therupon arrayned, dyd stande muet of malice or frowarde mynde, or challenge paimptorie aboute the numbze of xx. or els wyl not aunswere directly to the same inditēnt a felony, wherbyon they shall be arrayned: That then euery such persone and personnes shoulde lose the benefyte and priuilege of their clergy.

¶ And it was also ordeyned by the same acte, that if anye person or personnes be endited and found guilty for stealyng of any goodes or cattelles, in anye countye of this realme, or beyng indited, stande muet of malice, or challenge paimptorie aboute the numbze of. xx. personnes, or wyl not aunswear directly to the law, shoulde also lose the benefyt of theyr clergy, in lyke maner and fourme as they shoulde haue done, if they had bene endyted, arrayned, and founde guilty in the same countye, where the same robbery or burglarie was done, if it shall appere to the Justices by euidence or examinacion, that the sayde felons or robbers arrayned before them, shoulde or ought to haue lost theyr clergy by force of the sayd estatute, in case

in case they had ben found guilty of the same felonyes or burgularies in the same shyre where they were committed, as by the sayde acte amonges other thinges moze at large is expessed.

And where also in the sayd parliament it was further ordayned, that þe detestable vice of buggery, committed with mankinde or beast, should be felony, & that the offenders therein should lose the priuiledge of their clergy: which act was made to endure to the laste day of the next parliamente, as by the same act amongest other thinges it appereth moze at large. For as much as the sayd actes be beneficiall and profitable for the commō welth of this realme. Be it therefore enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that the sayde actes and euery of them, and all clauses and prouissions conteyned in the same, shal stand in full strength and vertue, and from hencefoorth to continue and endure vnto the laste daye of the nexte parliamente.

And be it also enacted by auctorite aforesayd that such as be within holy orders, shall from hencefoorth stande and be vnder the same peynes and daungers for the offences contayned in any of the sayd statutes, & be bled and ordered to al intentes and purposes, as other persons not being with in holy orders: Any prouision or exceptiō specified in any of the sayd actes, or any other blage or custome of this realme to the contrary therof notwithstanding. This acte to endure vnto the last day of the next parliament.

CAn act for continuing of two statutes made in the last parliamēt touching such as go away with caskettes, iewels, goodes, or plate of their maisters. Cap. ii.



Where in the last parliamēt begonne and holden at London, the third day of Nouēber, in the xxi yere of the kinges most gracious raigne, and from thens adiourned to westminster, and thereholden and continued by diuers prorogaciōs vnto the dissoluciō therof, it was ordayned and enacted amonges other thinges, that if any seruāts, to whom any casketts iewels money goods or cattells, should be deliuered to kepe by his or theyr maisters or maistresses, do go away with the sayd casketts, iewels, money, goods or cattelles, or any part therof, to the intende to steale the same, and defraude his or their saide maister or maistres thereof, contrarpe to the trust & confidence to him or them put by his or theyr sayde maisters or maistresses: or els beinge in seruice without assent or commaundemes of his said maister or maistres embesple the caskettes, iewels, moneye, goodes, or cattelles of his sayde maister or maistresse, or anye parte thereof, or otherwoyle conuerte the same to his owne vse, with like purpose to steale, than if the sayde caskettes, iewelless, money, goodes, or cattelles, that any suche seruauante shal goe awaye wyth, or which hee shall embesple wyth purpose to steale it,

(as is aforesayde) be of the value of xl.s. or above: that then the same false fraudulent and untrue act, and demeanour should from henceforth be deemed and adiudged felony. And that he or they so offendinge, should be punished, as other felons be punished for felony committed, by course of the common law, which act was then made to endure to the next parliament.

And wher also in another acte made in the sayd parliament, it was enacted, that if any seruaunt for the time being in seruice wyth any persō or persons, happē to steale, or felonously take away any iewels money plate or other goods or cattels of his maister or maistresse: or if any seruaunt, to whom any casket, iewels money goodes or cattells were deliuered by his maister or maistresse, and go awaye wyth the sayde casket, money goodes or cattels, or any part therof, contrary to the trust and confidence to him or them put: or without the assent or commaundement of his sayd maister or maistres, embesyle any casket, iewelles, money, goods or cattels, or any part therof, or otherwise conuert the same to his owne vse, with purpose to steale it, if the said casket, money, iewels, goodes, or other cattels, be of þ value of xl.s. or above: that then the offendoure in such case should lose the benefite of his clergie, and the priuilege of al saintuaries, as by the sayde seuerall actes moze plainly appereth. For as much as þ sayd acts ben thought necessary for the common wealth of this realme: Be it therfore enacted by auctorite of this presente parliamente, that the same actes, and euery of them, and all and euery clause article and prouiso therein confeyned, shall from henceforth stand good and endure and continue for euer.

An act geuing the kinges highnes auctorite newly to allot the towne-
ships in the shyres and marches of Wales, at any time within
thre peres next ensuing. Cap.iii.



Where in the parliament begunne and holden at London the iii. day of Nouember, in þ xxj. yere of the reigne of our most drab soueraigne lord kinge Henry the viii. and from thence adiourned to westminster, & there holden & continued by diuers prorogacions vnto þ iiij. day of february, in the xxvij. yere of the reigne of our said souereign lord, & then & there holden and continued vnto the dissolution thereof, one acte & ordinance was made in the session of the sayd parliament, holden the sayd iiij. day of february, wherby amonges other things diuers shyres & countiees were newly made and named wythin the dominion and principality of Wales, & diuers townees parishes lordships, commotes and cantredes within the said dominion and principality, were allotted, appointed and limited to the sayd seuerall shyres & countiees, as by þ same act moze plainly and particulerly amonges other thinges appereth. And for as much as by credible information it is comen to the kinges knowledge sithens the making of the sayd acte, that some lordshipes, townees, parishes, commotes

motcs, hundreces, & cantredes, be not indifferently allotted and limited to the shires named in the sayd acte, for the commodity of the kinges subiectes therein inhabited: Bee it therefore enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that the kinges highnes (during the tyme of thre yeres next after the ende of this present parliament) shal haue power and auctorite, by wytyng vnder his great seale, to allor appoint assigne and limite to euery of the shires named in the saide acte, such and so many lordships to townes parishes hamlettes hundreces commotes and cantredes, as his maiesty by his most high wysedom shal thincke most conueniente and agreeable for the ease and commodity of his louing subiectes the inhabitants of his sayd dominion and principality. And shal likewyse haue power and auctorite to name and assigne the shiere townes in euery of the sayd shiers named in the sayd acte. And that euery such limitation appointment nomination and assignement to be made by the kinges highnes in that behalf, by auctorite of this acte, shalbe as good and effectuell to all intentes and purposes, as though it had ben don and made plainly and particularly by auctorite of parliamente: any thing conteyned in the sayd acte, made in the last parliament, or any other thing or thinges to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

An act repelling the statute lately made for the bringing in
of Douglas and lockerams. Cap. iiii.



Here in the Parliament holden at westminster the thyrde day of Nouember, in the xxi. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lord king Henry the viii. amonges other thinges it was enacted and established, that no person nor persons, englysh nor stranger, denisen nor alien, from or after the feast of S. Michel tharchangel thā next folowing, should bring or conuey, or cause to be coueyed or brought by any maner of meanes into this realme of England, any linnen cloth called Douglas or lockerams, oneles euery whole peece of Douglas containyd in length fīue scoze ellis of assise, accompted to euery elle, one inch of assise, and in bredth one yarde of assise: And euery halfe peece fiftie elles in length, and one yarde in bredth of like assise, & al the whole peece & half peece of one goodnes in making. And also it was there enacted and established, y every whole peece of lockerams should be of like length, as the whole peece of Douglas: & euery half peece of lockerams should be of like length as the half peece of Douglas: & euery such whole peece & half peece of lockerams to be in bredth a whole yarde, lacking a nayle of the yarde: & euery peece & half peece to be in like goodnes by all the length of y same peece, vpon payne of forfaiture of the same Douglas & lockerams so to be brought or coueyed into this realme, not conteyning the full length bredth and goodnes, or the value thereof, as in y same statute more plainly at large doth appeare. Sithens the making of which act a greate number

number of the kinges subiectes, that is to say weauers, tuckers, spinners, diers, and wulpikers, and many other haue ben idle and without woork, to theyr great impouerishinge, which moze and moze is like daylye to encrease, if remedy be not prouided, for as much as the clothmakers, which befoze the makinge of the sayde acte, were wonte to conueye theyr sayde clothes into Britaine, where the sayde linnen clothe called Douglas and lockerams is made, and from thens to bringe wyth them the sayde linnen clothe called Douglas and lockeram, which they cannot doe sythens the makinge of the sayd acte, without daunger and forsayture of the sayde linnen clothe, by reason that there shall no Englishe man bee suffered to carrie or conuey any of the sayd clothes, called Douglas or lockerams, from hys parties of beyonde the sea into this realme of the length contayned in the said acte: which will make the sayd clothmakers to leaue the makinge of theyr cloth, to the great & manifold perilles of the kinges subiectes: Be it therefore enacted by the kinge our Soueraigne lord, wyth the assent of the Lords spirituall and tempozall and the commons in this present parliamente assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that the sayde acte, made in the sayd xxi. yeare, be to all intentes purposes and constructions in the lawe, made utterly voyde and of none effect, as if this sayd acte had neuer bene had nor made. Neuertheles to the intent that the bier of the sayde linnen clothes, shal not at any time hereafter be deceyued by the length of hys sayd clothes, Be it therefore enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that after the feast of saint Michell tharchangell next comminge, no maner of personne Englishe nor straunger, denissen nor alien, put to sale anye whole peece, or halfe peece of the sayde linnen clothe, called Douglas and lockerams, onles ther be mention expessed vpon euery of the sayd whole peece or half peece of hys sayd linnen cloth called Douglas or lockeram, so put to sale, as is aforesayd, the whole and entier number of the yards or elles, that is conteyned in euery such whole peece or halfe peece, vpon payne of forsayture of hys same whole peece or halfe peece, not conteynunge the number of yards or elles, so mencioned vpon euery of the sayde whole peece or halfe peece, so put to sale as is aforesayd: The one halfe of euery suche forsayture to be to the kinge our Soueraigne lord, and the other halfe to him that shall lease and wyll sue for the same by action of Det, bill, plainte, informacion, or other wyse: in which action, suite, or informacion, no wager of law nor essoyne shalbe admitted or allowed.

Prouided alwayes, that this acte or any thing therein contayned, be not prejudicial ne hurtfull to any person or persons, that befoze the firste day of this parliament hath made any leaser or put in any informacion into any of the kinges courtes for any maner of forsayture done or committed by any person or persons contrary to the sayd estatute, made in the sayde thyrtyd day of Nouember, the xxi. yeare of the reigne of our soueraigne Lord king Henry the eight.

HENRICI OCTAVI

An acte for auoydng of exactions taken vpon pntices in
the cities boroughes and towneys corporate. Cap. v.



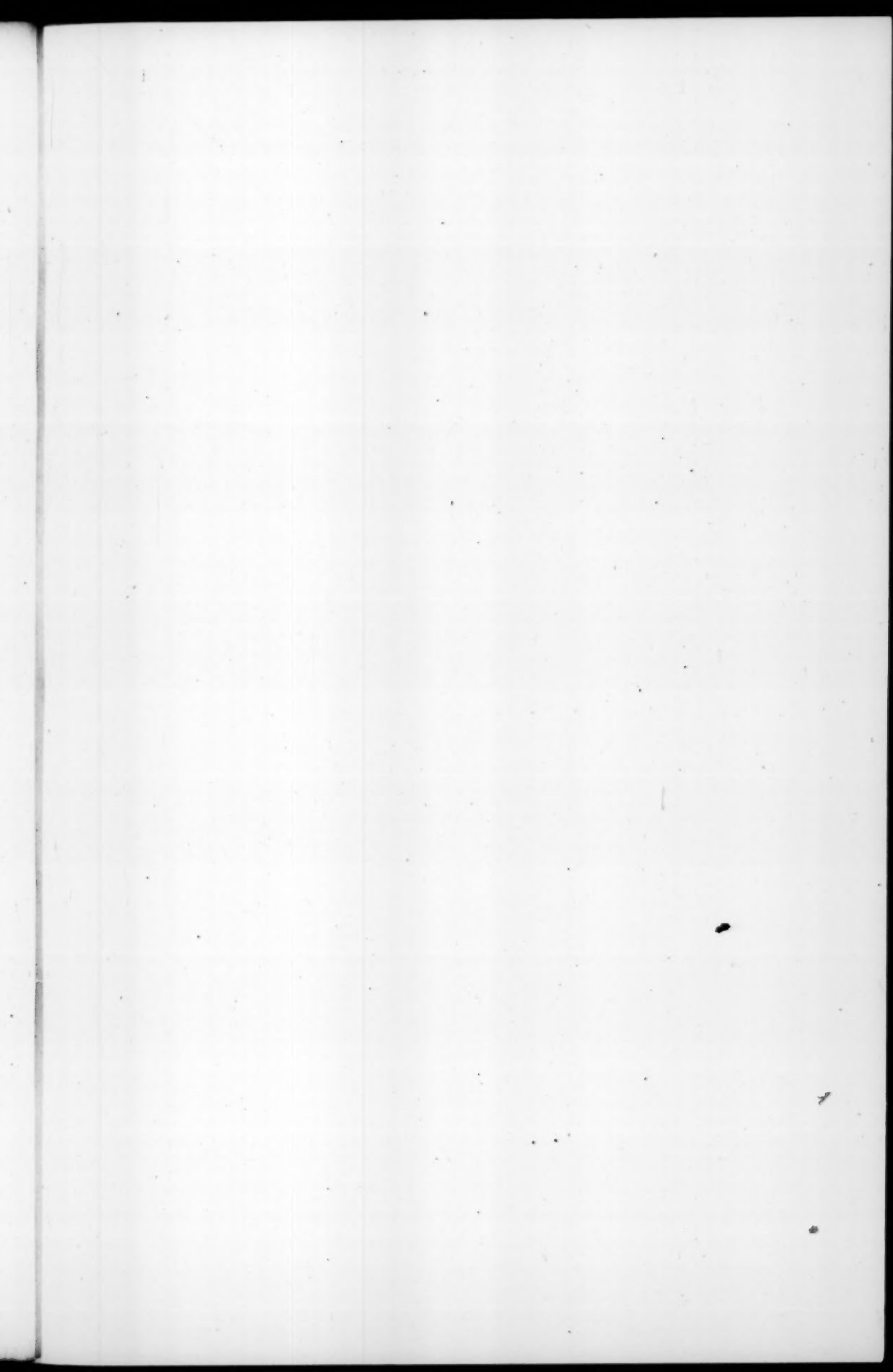
Where in the parliament begonne at London the third day of
Nouembre, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of our mosse graddde
souveraigne lord kynge Henry the. viii. and from thens ad-
iourned and prologed vnto westminster, the. xvi. day of Ja-
nuarie, in the. xxii. yere of the raigne of our sayde soueraigne
lord, and there then also holden: it was and is recited, that
where before that time it was established & enacted in the. xix. yere of our
late soueraigne lord kynge Henry the. vii. that no maister wardens and
felowship of craftes, or any of them, nor any rulers of the gylde or frater-
nities shoulde take vpon them to make any actes or ordinaunces, ne to exe-
cute any actes or ordinaunces by them before that time made, or then here-
after to be made, in disheritaunce or diminutiō of the prerogative of y^e king
nor of other, nor against the common profite of the people, but if the same
actes or ordinaunces were examined or approued by the chauncellour, trea-
sourer of England. or chief Justice of either bench, or three of the, or before
the Justices of assise in their circute or progress in the shire wher suche ac-
tes or ordinaunces be made, vpon paine of forfaiture of. xl. li. for every time
that they do the contrary, as moze plainly in the sayd act doth appeare.
Sith which time diuers wardens and felowships haue made actes & or-
dinaunces, that every pntice shoulde pay at his first entre in theyr common
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nesters minds and pleasure, contrary to the meaning of the sayd acte, made
in the sayd xix. yere of the raigne of the sayd late king Henry the. vii. and to
the greate hurte of the kinges true subiectes puttinge their children to be
pntices: It was therfore in the sayd parliament, holden at westminster
the said xxii. yere of the reigne of king Henry the. viii. established and enac-
ted by the kinge our soueraigne lord, by the aduise of his lordes spirituall
and tempozal, and of the commons in the same parliament assembled, and
by the auctorite of the same, that no mayster wardens or felowshippes of
craftes, or maisters or anye of them, nor anye rulers of fraternities shoulde
take from henceforth of any pntice or of any other person or persons for the
entree of any pntice into their said felowship, aboue the some of ii. s. vi. d.
nor for his entree whan his yeares and terme is expyred and ended, aboue
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to the contrary, the one halfe to the king oure soueraigne lord, and the o-
ther halfe to the party that therefore shall sue by action of dette informatiō
or other wise, and that in the action aforesayde no protection or essoin shal
be allowed: As by the same acte amonges other thinges therein contened
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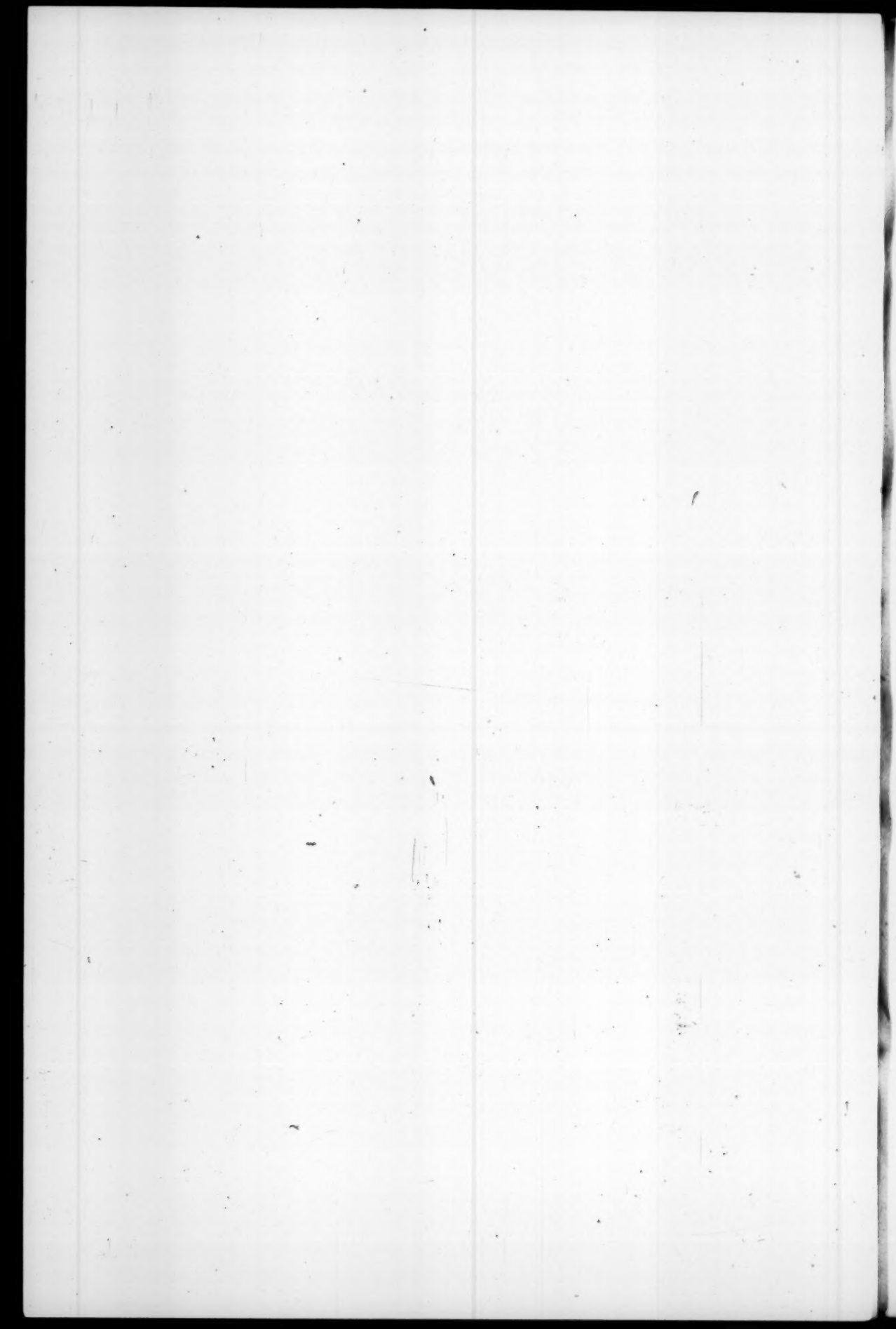
fellowshippes of craftes, haue by cautell and subtil meanes compassed and practised to defraude and delude the sayd good and holsome statutes, causing diuers prentices or yonge men immediately after their yerres be expyred, or that they be made free of their occupacion or felowship, to be swoyne vpon the holy Euangelyst at their first entre, that they ne any of them after their yerres or terme expyred, shall not set vp or open anye shop, house nor sellar, nor occupy as freemen, without the assent and licence of the maister wardens or felowshippes of their occupacion, vpon peine of forfaytynge their freedome, or other lyke penaltie. By reason wherof the said prentices and iourneymen be put to as much or moze charges therby the they before time were put vnto for the obtaining and entering of their freedome, to the great hurte and impouerishmente of the saide prentices and iourneymen, and other their friendes. For remedie wherof be it now, by the auctoritey of this present parliament established, ordeined, and enacted, that no mayster wardens or felowshippes of craftes, nor any of them, nor any rulers of fraternities, guilds or brotherhedes from henceforth compell or cause any prentice or iourneymā by othe or bond heretofore made or hereafter to be made or other wise, that he after his apperthship or terme expyred, shall not set vp nor kepe any shop, house or sellar, nor occupy as a freeman without licence of the maister wardens or felowship of his or their occupacion, for and concerning the same, nor by any meane exacte or take of any suche prentice or iourneymē, nor any other occupieng for them selfe, nor of any other persons for them, after his or their said yerres expyred, any sūme of money or other things for or concerning his or their freedome or occupacion, other wise or in any other maner then before is recited limited and appointed, in y sayd former act, made in the said. xxi. yere of the reigne of kinge Henry the. viii. vpon the peyne to forfayte for every tyme that they or any of them shall offende contrary to this act. l. i. The one halfe therof to the kinge our soueraigne lord, & the other halfe to the party that will sue for the same in any of the kings courtes, by action of Det. informacion, or other wise: in which suit or action no protection nor essoine shall be allowed for the partie defendand.

CA acte for continuance of the statutes for beggers & vacabondes, and against conueyance of hoxes and mares out of this realme, against welshemen makynge affrays in the counties of Hereff. Glouc. and Salop, and against the vice of buggery. Ca. vi.



Here in the parliament begonne at London the third dape of Nouember, in the. xxi. yere of the raigne of our most dread soueraigne lord kinge Henry the. viii. and from thense ad-iourned to westminster, and there holden and continued by propogacion vnto the. xvi. day of January, in the. xxii. yere of our said soueraigne lord, it was then in that session of the saide parliament, an act made and established, declaring and concernynge
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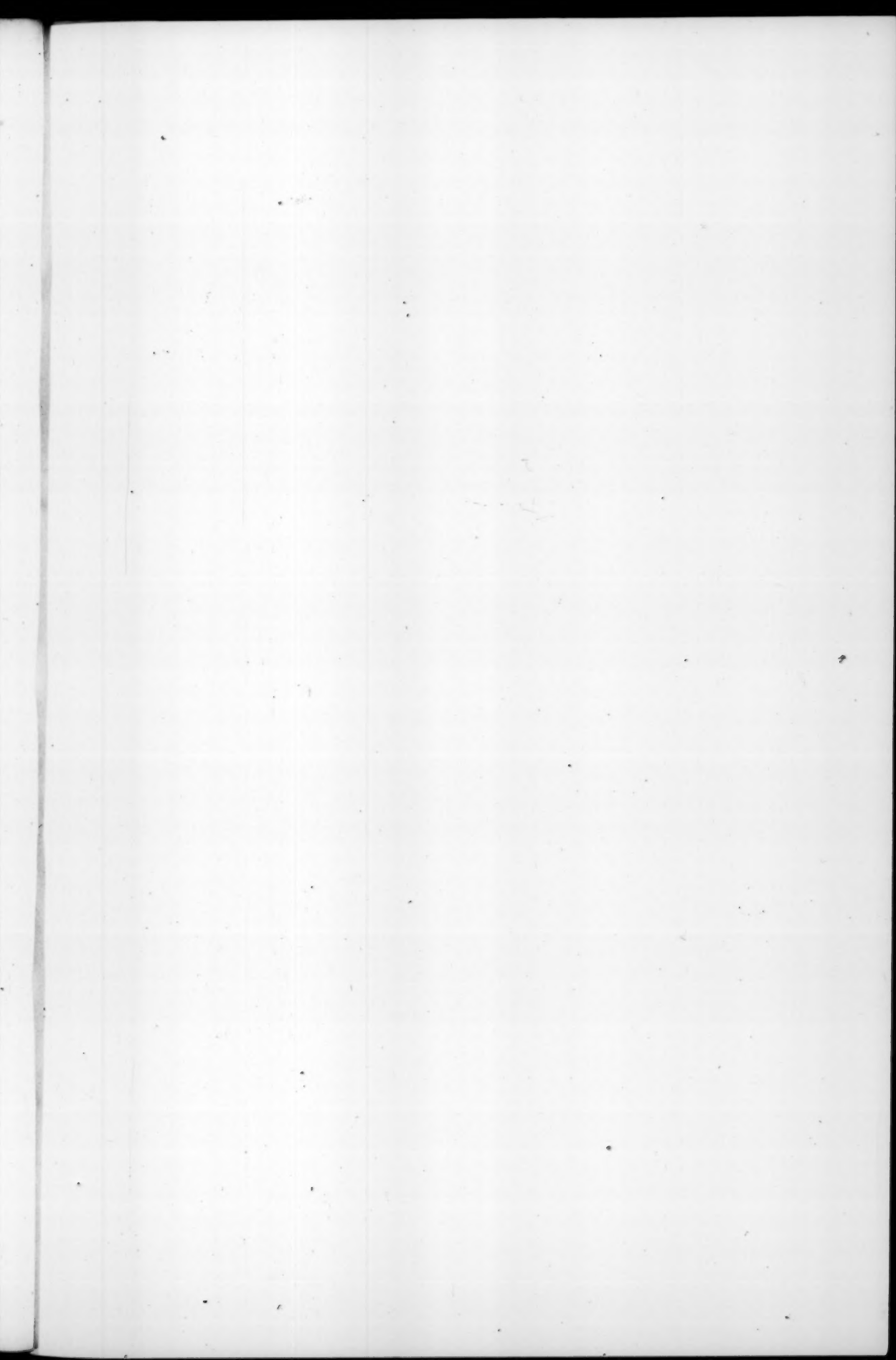
as well how aged, poore, and impotent persons, compelled to live by almes should be ordered as how vagabundes and mighty stronge beggers should be whopped and punished: which act was the made to endure and continue until the last day of the next parliament. And whete also in the sayde session of the sayde parliament, one other act was made for the restraint of carrying and carrying of hoxles and mares out of this realme, which act was also made to continue and endure to the last daye of the nexte parliament, as by the sayde two severall actes more plainly appereth. And where also at the sayd parliament continued and proroged unto the third day of November in the xvi. yere of the reigne of our sayd soueraigne lord, it was then in that session of the sayd parliament another acte made and established, for punishment of wallshmen, attemptinge assassines by offhandes vppon any the inhabitantes of Hereford, Gloucestre, or Shropshire, which acte was also made to endure to the last day of the next parliament, as by the sayd acte more plainly appereth. And where also in the sayd parliament, continued and proroged unto the xv. day of January, in the xvi. yere of our sayd soueraigne lord, it was then in that session of the sayd parliament some other acte made and established for punishment of the vice of huggery, declaring such offence to be felony, which act was then made to endure to the last day of the next parliament, as by the sayde acte more plainly appereth. In so far as that as the sayde four severall actes be beneficiall and profitable for the common weale of this realme: Be it therefore enacted by the authority of this present parliament, that the sayd three actes and every of them, and all clauses, articles, and provision therein conteyned, shal from henceforth be observed and kept, and continue and endure unto the last day of the next parliament.

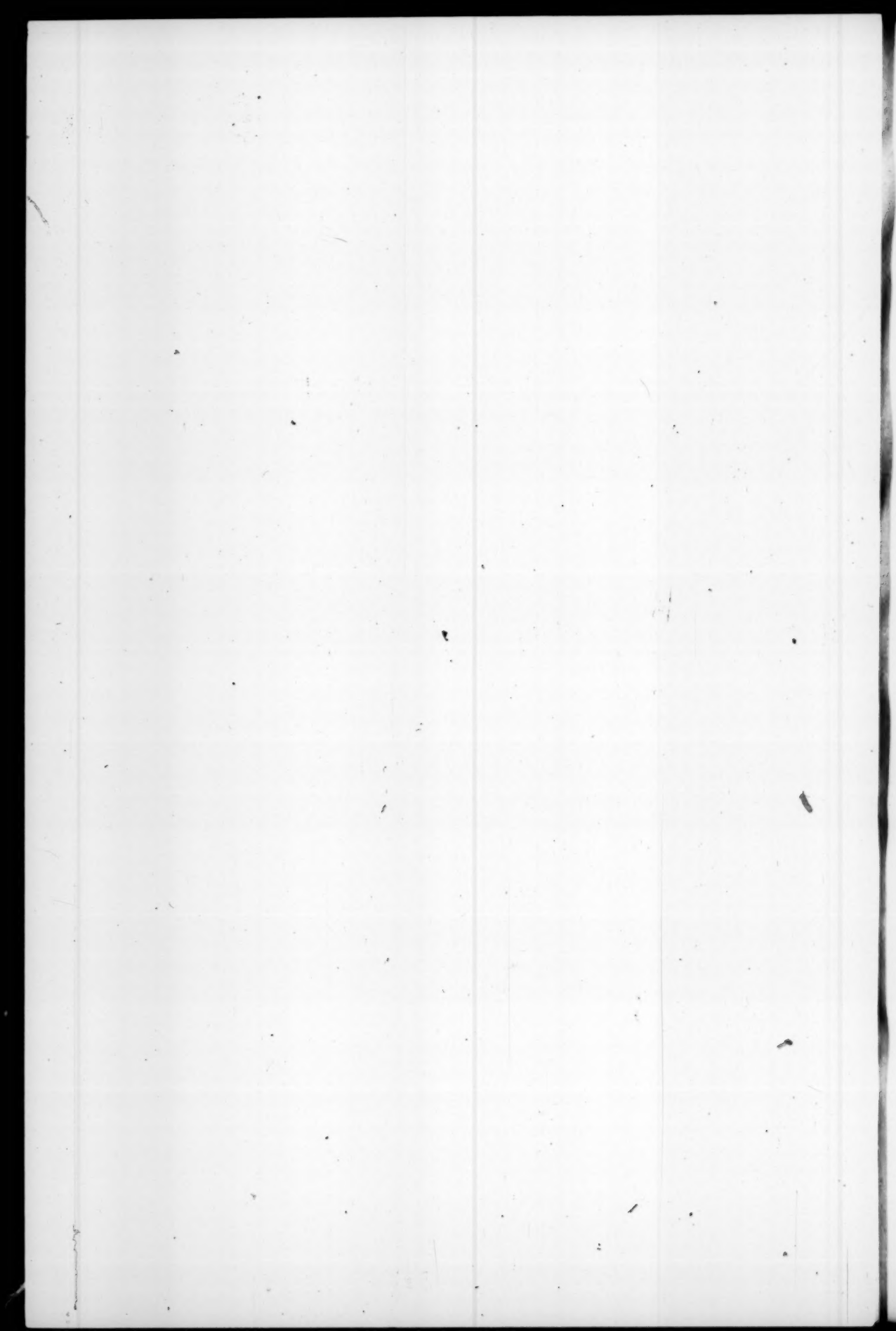
C. An act for the establishment of the imperiall crowne of this realme. **Cap. vii.**

Their most humble wyle shewen to your most royal maiestye, the Lords spiritual and temporall, and all other your most loving and obedient subiectes, the commons in this your most high court of parliament assembled, that where in your laste parliamente begonne and holden at London the third day of November, in the xvi. yere of your most gracious reigne, and from thence adjourned to westm. and there holden and continued by diuers and sundry prorogations unto the xv. day of January, in the 25. yere of your most noble reigne, & then there holden: it was made & ordeyned an act concerning amouges many thinges as well for ratification and confirmation of your marriage, than had and solemnized betwene your highnes and the late lady Anne Boleyne Marques of Pembroke, as for the limitacion of the successiō of your imperiall crowne of this realme, to the issue of your body begotten, & to be begotten of the body of the sayd

sayd lady Anne, with diuers remainders ouer for default of such issue, as in the sayde acte plainly and particularly more at large is expessed and mentioned. And where also by the sayde acte it was ordeyned and established, that all and singular your subiectes should take a coppyall othe for the fulfilling, mainteyning and defending, the whole effects and contents of the sayde acte. And it was further ordeyned by the sayd acte amonges other things, that if any person or persons subiect or resident within this realme or within any your graces dominions, after the first daye of Maye, than next ensowing, by writing, print, dedde, or acte procured or done, or caused to be procured or done any thinge or thinges to the prejudice, slander, disturbance, or derogation of the sayd matrimony, solemnised betwene your maiesty and the sayd lady Anne, or to the perill, slander, or dishonour of any the issues and heires of your highnesse, being limited by the same act to inheritre and to be inheritable to the crowne of this realme, wherby any such issues or heires of your highnes might be destroyed, disturbed, or interrupted in body or title of inheritance to the crowne of this realme, as to them is limited in the same acte: that then every such person and persons and theyr aydours, counsaylours, mainteynours, and abettours, and euery of them, for euery such offence, should be aduudged high traytours, & that euery such offence should be aduudged highe treason. And the offendours, and the aydours, counsaylours, mainteynours, and abettours, & euery of them, being lawfully convicted of such offence by presentment, verdict, confession, or proesse, according to the customes and lawes of this realme, should suffer paynes of death, as in cases of highe treason: as in the sayd acte amonges many other articles, clauses, and prouisions, is more at large mencioned and specified.

And also in the sayd parliament holden at westminster by prorogation in the third day of Nouember, in the xxvi. yere of your most noble raigne, an other acte was made for declaration and ratification of the sayd othe, which diuers of your subiectes then had taken, and all your subiectes after that were bounde to take for due obseruation of the sayde act of the sayde Succession, as by the same acte amonges other thinges is also specified and expessed: And all be it most gradd soueraigne lord, and that the sayd actes were then made, as it was then thought by your maiesty, nobles & commons, bypon a pure perfect and cleere foundation, thinkinge the sayd marriage then had betweene your highnes and the sayd lady Anne in theyr consciences to haue ben pure sincere perfect and good, and so was reputed, accepted, and taken in the realme, till now of late, that God of his infinite goodnes (from whom no secreet thinges canne be hidde) hath caused to be broughte to lighte euident and open knowledg, as well certayne, iuste, true, and lawfull impedimentes unknowne at the makinge of the sayde actes, and sithen that tyme confessed by the sayde lady Anne, before the moste reuerende father in God Thomas Archbisshope of Canterbury, Metropolitane and primate of all Englande, sittinge iudicial-



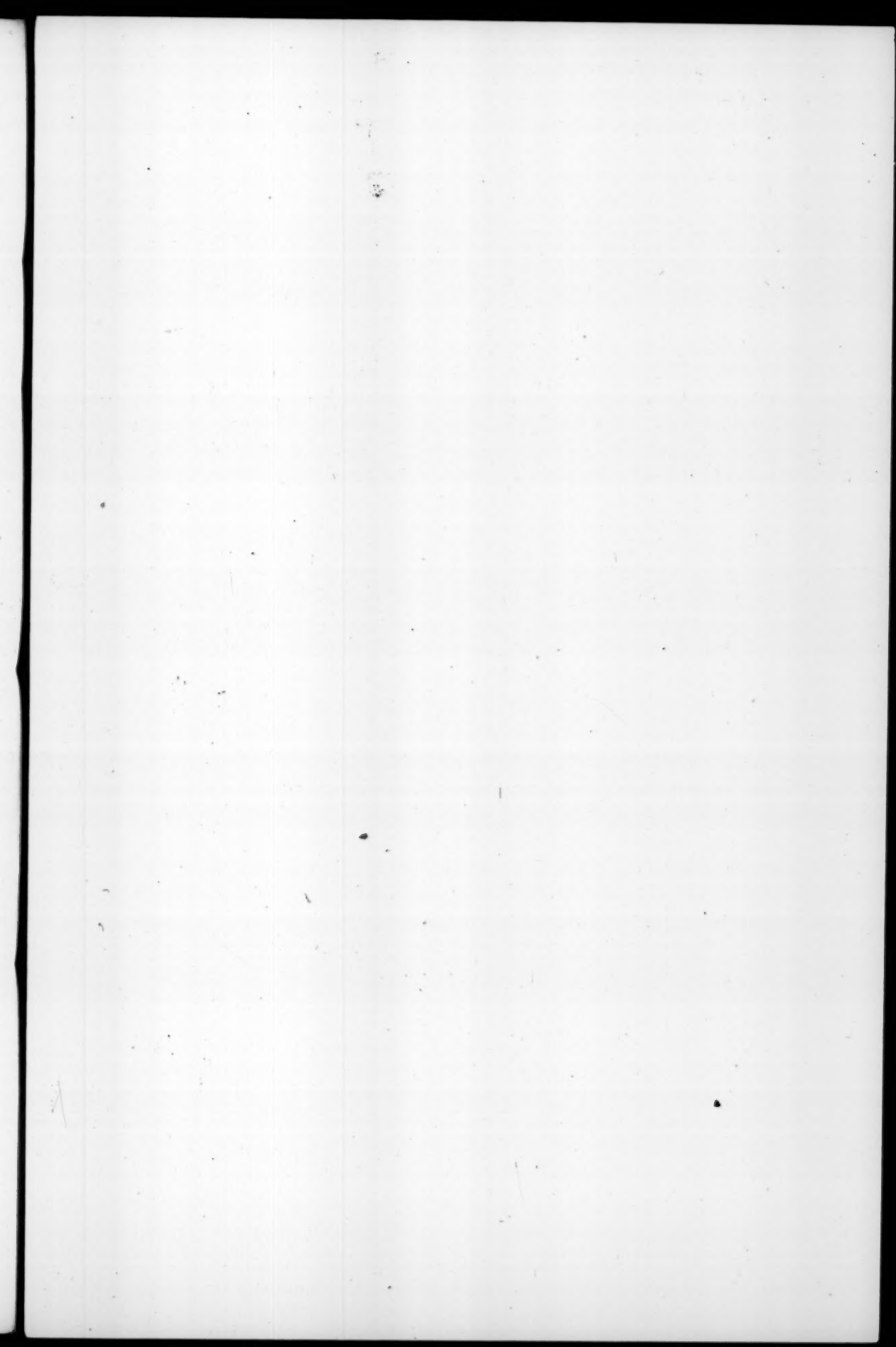


iudicially for the same: by which plainly appereth, that the sayd mariage betwene your grace and the sayd lady Anne, was neuer good nor consonant to the lawes, but utterly voyde and of none effect: By reason wherof your highnes was and is lawfully deuorced and seperated from the bodys of the said maryage in the lyfe of the said lady Anne: And this notwithstandinge moste gracious soueraigne lord the lady Elizabeth your doughter, beyng borne vnder the sayd vnlawfull maryage, by vertue & auctoryty of the acte of your succession aboue remembred, for lacke of heires males of your body should immediatly succede as your lawfull heyre in the most royall estate of your imperiall crowne of this realme, against al honour equity reason and good conscience, if remedy should not be prouided for the same: And ouer this most dread soueraigne lord, al be it that your maiestie not knowing of any lawfull impediments, entred into the bondes of the said vnlawfull mariage, & aduanced the same lady Anne to the honour of the soueraigne estate of the queene of this realme: yet neuertheles she inflamed with pride and carnall desires of hir body, putting a part the dyed of god and excellent benefites receiued of your highnes, confederated hir selfe with George Boleine late lord Rochford, hir natural brother, Henry Howeis esquier, Fraunces Weston knight, William Byereton esquire, gentylmen of your priuie chaumbre, & Marke Smeton Grome of your said priuie chaumbre, and so being confederat, she and they moste traiterously committed and perpetrated diuers detestable and abhominable treasons, to the moste fearfull peryll and daunger of the destruction of your moste royall person, and to the vnter losse disherison & desolatio of this realme, if god of his goodnes had not in due time brought their sayde treasons to lyght: for the which beinge plainely and manifestly proued, thei were conuicte & attainted by the due course and order of your common lawes of this realme, and haue suffered accordyng to their merites, as by the recordes therof more at large may appere.

And all be it moste gracious & moste dread soueraigne lord diuers & sundry honorable iuste true & reasonable clauses be conteyned and expessed in the said act, made for the establisshement of your succession, whiche be very necessary and profitable for the comon welth of this realme: yet neuertheles bycause certayne articles and clauses conteyned in the same, concerning the ratification of your sayde vnlawfull mariage, betwene your highnes & the sayde lady Anne, and the limitation of youre succession to the issues of your body had by the said lady Anne, and the other expessed and mencioned in both the actes aboue remembred for the defendyng and mainteinyng the hole effectes and contentes of the sayde acte, whiche clauses and articles bee nowe become of late so dishonorable, and so farre disfaunte from the due course of your common lawes of your realme, and also so much agaynst good reason equitye and good conscience, that thei cannot be susteyned nor tollerated to continue and endure without great peryll of diuision hereafter to be had by occasion of the same amonges vs your sayde moste humble louyng and obedient subiectes and our posterities: It may therfore

please your highnes of your most excellent and accustomed goodnes. and for the entier loue fauour & hartie affection, y^e your maiestie hath alwayes borne and beareth to the common welth of this your realme, and for y^e cōseruacion of the good peace vnitie and reste of vs your most bounden and obedient subiectes, and of our sayde posterities, that it may be enacted by auctorit^y of this present parliament, that the saide two actes and euery of them, and all clauses articles & prouisions therein contined, from y^e fyfthe day of this present parliament, shall be repealed, adnulled, and made frustrate, and of none effecte.

I Doubted alwaye that the sayde repeale and adnullacion of the sayde acte, whiche was made for the establisshement of your succession, shall not be taken expounded nor vnderstande to discharge any person or persons, which haue done or committed any offences of treasō or misprision of treason, contrary to the same acte, or any part therof at any tyme afore y^e fyfthe daye of this presente parliamente: but that suche offences of treason and misprision of treason, done and committed by anye personne or personnes, contrary to the same acte, afore the fyfthe daye of this present parlyament, shall be and remaine in the same degree and qualitee to be punished by auctorit^y of the same acte, as if the same acte had not beene repealed: the repeale and adnullacion of the same acte by auctoritie of this presente parlyamente in any wyse notwithstandinge. Neuertheles the kinges most roiall maiestie, moste graciously considerynge, that dyuers and manie of his moste louinge and obedyente subiectes nowe latelie afore the beginninge of this presente parliamente, haue spoken, doone, practised, procured, and attempted, as well by woordes, writynge and pyntynge, as by exterior actes, not onely against the sayde vnlawfull marriage, solempnyzed betwene his highnes and the sayde lady Anne, and to the preiudice sleaunder disturbance and derogacion therof, but also to the peril sleaunder and disherison of the lady Elizabeth the kinges doughter illegittimate borne vnder the same marriage, and to the let disturbance and interruption of the said lady Elizabeth to the title of the crowne: and also to depriue the said lady Anne late queene, and the said lady Elizabeth, and euery of them of their dignity, tytle and name of their roiall estates, contrarie to the tenours, purporses, prouisions and ordinaunces, as well contepned in the saide acte made in the last parliament for the establisshement of the kyngs succession, as in an other acte made in the laste parliament for punishment of treasons. which woordes, doinges, practises, procurements and attemptes of his sayd subiectes, all be it they proceeded of no malice, but vpon true and iuste groundes, for punishment of the sayde late lady Anne, accordyng to hir desertes, and for reformation of the saide vnlawfull marriage for the surety of the kings highnesse and for the vnitie and wealth of this realme: yet neuertheles the kynges sayde subiectes mought hereafter happen to be emperched, troubled and beryed for such their woordes, doinges, actes, procurementes and attemptes, as well by reason of the sayd estatute, made for the
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establiſhment of the kinges ſucceſſion, and now repealed by this act, as by occasion of other statutes heretofore made for punishment of treason and misprison of treason, to the great daunger and perilles of the liues lands and goodes of the kinges sayde subiectes, which onely for hartty good will and faithfull obedience, that they beare to the kinges maiesty, incurred into the sayd daungers and perils: The kinges highnes therefore of his most bonntifull mercy and benignity is pleased and contented, that it be enacted by auctority of this present parliament, that all and singular his loving subiectes, which haue spoken done practised committed or attempted, or procured to be done or attempted directly or indirectly, by wordes, wytynges, printes, or any exterie act, any thing or thinges whatsoeuer it be, against the saide mariage, solemnised betwene his highnes and the sayd late Queene Anne, or for the setting forth or preferment of the dyuorice or dissolution thereof: or against the sayde late Queene Anne, or the sayde lady Elizabeth, or to any of their flanders perilles or disherisons: or haue wished willed or desired by wordes or wytynges, or inuented imagined practised or attempted any bodily harme to þe said late Queene Anne, or lady Elizabeth, or to depriue þe same late Queene Anne, or lady Elizabeth, or any of them, of the dignitie title or name of thei royall estates, or haue spoken done or procured to be don any other wordes wytynges pyntings wishing willing, thinge or things, act or actes against the sayd late Queene Anne or lady Elizabeth, which is or mought be deemed or interpreted for treason, or misprison of treason by anye construction bypon any of the statutes of this realme heretofore made, shalbe freely and clerely pardoned discharged and released by auctority of this act of al those and such treasons and misprisions of treasons aboue mencioned. And that none of his sayd lovinge subiectes for any of the sayd treasons or misprisions of treason aboue mencioned and specified, shall hereafter at any tyme, by any maner of meanes be emperched vexed or troubled in their bodyes liues lads goodes or cattels, any thing in this act, or in any act or actes heretofore made for treasons or misprison of treason, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

And that it bee further enacted by auctority aforesayde, that the sayde late Queene Anne, George Boleyn, late lord Rochford, Henry Norreis esquier, Fraunces Weston knight, William Brereton esquier, and Marke Smeton, for their abhominable and detestable treasons, by them and euery of them most abhorminably and traisterously committed & done against your maiesty and the realme, shalbe by auctorite of this presente parliament conuicted and attainted of highe treason. in such maner and fourme and accordingly as they bee, by the due course and order of your lawes of this realme. And that the sayd late Queene Anne, George lord Rochford, Henry Norreis, Fraunces Weston, William Brereton, and Marke Smeton, and euery of them, shall lose and forsaite to your highnesse and to your heyres, all such thei manours, meales, landes, tenements, rentes, reuerſions, remaynders, bles, possessions, offices, rightes, condicions,

and all other hereditamentes, of what names natures or qualities so euer they be, which they or any of them, or any other to theyr vles, or to the vse of any of them had or ought to haue had of any estate of inheritance in fee simple or in taylor, in vse or possession at the dayes of their feueraille treasons committed and expresse in their inditement, or at anye tyme after. Sauinge to euery person and persons, and bodyes politike, and to the heyres assignes and successours of euery of them (other than to the sayd late Queene Anne, and the other traytours aforesaid, and theyr heyres and assignes of euery of them, and all and euery other personne and personnes clayming by them, or any of them, or to their vles, or to the vles of anye of them or to the vse of any of theyr heyres) all such righte tytle vse possession interest condicion fees offices rentes annuities commengs, & all other commodities and hereditamentes, whatsoeuer they or any of them moughte should or ought to haue had, if this act had neuer ben had ne made.

And ouer this moste gracious soueraigne lord, for as much as it hath pleased your moste royall maiesty, notwithstanding the great and intolerable perils and occasions, which your highnes hath suffered and susteyned, as well by occasion of your firste vnlawfull mariage solemnised betwene your highnes and the lady Katherine, late princes dowager, as by occasion of the said vnlawful mariage betwene your highnes and the said late Queene Anne, at the moste humble petition & intercession of vs your nobles of this realme, for the ardent loue & seruente affection, which your highnes beareth to the conseruation of the peace and vnity of the same, & for the good and quiet gouernaunce therof, of your most excellent goodness to enter into mariage againe, and haue chosen and taken a right noble vertuous and excellent lady Quene Jane to your true and lawfull wyfe, and haue lawfully celebrated & solemnised mariage with her, accordinge to the lawes of holy church: who for her conuenient yeres, excellent beauty, and purenesse of fleshe and blood, is apte, (god wyllinge) to conceiue issue by your highnes: which mariage is so pure and sincere, without spotte doubt or impedimente, that the issue procreated vnder the same, when it shall please almighty God to sende it, cannot be lawfullye truly nor iustly interrupted or disturbed of the righte and title in the succession of your crowne: It may therefore now please your most gracious maiesty, at the most humble petition and intercession of vs your nobles and commons, assembled in this present parliament, as well for the clere extinguishment of all ambiguities and doubttes, as for a pure and perfect vnity of vs your most humble and obedient subiectes, and of all our posterities, that it may be enacted by your moste gracious and royall maiesty, by consente of vs the lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this present parliamente assembled, & by auctority of the same in maner and fourme as hereafter in articles ensueth.

First for as muche as the maryage heretofore solemnised betwene your highnes and the sayde ladye Katherine princes dowager deceased,

sed, whiche afore was lawfull wyfe to your naturall brother prince Arthur, and by him carnally knowen, as hath duely bene proued by sufficiente wytnesses, at all tymes was is and ought to be demed and determined, to be against the lawes of almighty god, & not dispensable by any humayne auctoritey, & so hath bene deemed & determined, as well by y^e whole clergie of this realme, in bothe conuocations, and by both the vniuersities therof, as by the vniuersities of Bonony, Padua, Paris, Opleaunce, Tolo wes, Angiew, and diuers other, & also by a great numbre of priuate writings of many righte excellent well learned men: Be it therfore enacted by auctoritey of this present parliament, accordinge as it was ordeined and enacted in the sayd acte made in the laste parliament for the establishment of your succession, that the sayde maryage heretofore had and solemnised betwene your highnes & the sayd lady Katherine, which was before lawfull wyfe to the sayd prince Arthur your elder brother, and by him carnally knowen, as doth duely appeare by sufficient profe in a lawfull proces had and made before the sayd most reuerend father in god Thomas, by the sufferaunce of god archbishoppe of Caunterburie, Metropolitane and primate of all England, shalbe by auctoritie of this presente parlamente definitiuely clerely and absolutely declared, deemed & adiudged to be against the lawes of almighty god, and also accepted, reputed and taken of no value ne effect, but vtterly voyd and adnichiled: And that y^e seperation therof made by the sayde Archebishop shall be good and effectuell to all intentes and purposes, any licence, dispensacion, or any other act or actes goyng before or ensuinge the same, to the contrarie therof in any wyse not withstandinge. And that euery suche lycence, dispensacion, acte or actes, thinge or things, had made done or to be done to the contrary therof, shall be to all intentes voyde and of none effecte, and so shall be reputed and taken by & amonges all vs your true subiectes and inhabitauntes, our heyres & successours of and in your realme & dominions for euer. And that the issue born and procreated vnder the same vnlawfull mariage, made & solemnised betwene your highnes and the sayd lady Katherine, shalbe taken deemed and accepted illegittimate to al intentes and purposes, and shall be vtterly enclosed excluded & barred to clayme chalenge or demaunde any inheritance as lawfull heire to your highnes by lyneall dissent.

And also for asmuch as the mariage solemnised betwene your highnesse and the sayde late queene Anne vpon true and iust causes was and is deemed & adiudged by the sayd moste reuerend father, to be of no value ne effect, & a deuozce and seperacion therof had and made by the due orde and processe of the lawes of the church of Englande, before the saide reuerend father, Be it therfore enacted, by the auctoritey of this present parliament, that the same maryage betwene your highnes & the said late queene Anne, shalbe takē reputed demed & adiudged to be of no force strength vertu nor effecte and that the seperation and deuozce therof had by the sentence and iudgemente of the saide most reuerend father, shalbe good & effectuell,

and so hereafter shall be taken and reputed for ever by all your subiectes, their heires and successours. And that none appeale, repeale, remocation or annullation therof, or any parte of the same, shall hereafter be had taken allowed or admitted in any behalfe. And that all the issues and children borne and procreated vnder the same mariage betwene your hyghnes and the sayd late queene Anne, shall be taken reputed and accepted to be illegitimate to all intentes and purposes, and utterly foreclosed excluded and barred to claime, challenge, or demaunde any inheritauce as lawfull heire or heires to your hyghnes by lineall descende, the sayd former acte made in the last parliament, for the establisshment of your succession, or any thing therein contained or any other thinge or thinges to the contrarye therof in any wise notwithstandinge.

¶ And furthermore since manye inconueniences haue fallen, as well vnto this realme as in others, by reason of marrying within the degrees of mariage, prohibited by goddes lawes, that is to saye, the sonne to mary the mother, or the stepmother carnally knowen by his father, the brother the sister the father his sonnes daughter, or his daughters daughter: or the sonne to mary the daughter of his father procreate and borne by his stepmother: or y^e sonne to mary his aunte, being his fathers or mothers syster: or to marye his vncles wife carnally knowen by his vncle: or y^e father to mary his sonnes wife carnally knowen by his sonne: or the brother to mary his brothers wife carnally knowen by his brother: or any man married, & carnally knowinge his wyfe, to marie his wiues daughter or his wiues sonnes daughter, or his wiues daughters daughter, or his wiues syster.

¶ And further to dilate and declare y^e meaninge of these prohibicions, It is to be vnderstande, that if it chaunce any man to knowe carnally any woman, that then all and singular persons, beinge in anye degree of consanguinitie or affinity, as is aboue wrytten, to any of the parties so carnally offending, shall be deemed and adiudged to be within the cases and limytes of the sayde prohibicions of mariage. All whiche mariages all be it they be plainly prohibited & detested by the lawes of god, yet neuertheles at some tymes they haue proceeded vnder colours of dispensacions by mans power whiche is but vsurped, and of right ought not to be graunted admitted ne allowed. For no man, of what estate degree or condicion so euer he be, hath power to dispence with goddes lawes, as al the clergie of this realme in the sayde conuocations, and the moste parte of all the vniuersities of Christens dome, and we also do affirme and thinke.

¶ Be it therfore enacted by auctorite aforesayde, accordinge as it is declared and contayned in the sayde acte, made in the laste parliament for the establisshment of your succession, that no person or persons, subiectes, or residents of this realme, or in any your dominions, of what estate degree or dignity soeuer they be, shall from henceforth mary within the degrees aforesayd, what pretence soeuer shall be made to the contrary therof. And in case any person or persons, of what estate, dignity, degree or condicion so euer

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uer they be, y^e bene heretofore married within this realme, or in any other the kinges dominions, within any the degrees aboue rcherfed, and by any the archebifhoppes or ministers of the church of England be feperate from the bondes of fuch vnlawfull mariages: That then euery fuch feperacion fhall be good lawfull firme & permanent for ever, & not by any power aucto-
ritie or meanes to be reuoked or vndone hereafter. And that the children proceeding or procreat vnder fuch vnlawfull marriage, fhall not be lawfull ne legitimate: any fozein lawes, licences, difpenfacions, or other thing or thinges to the contrary therof not withftanding. And that in cafe there be any perfon or perfons within this realme, or in any the kyngs dominions al ready married within any of the faid degrees aboue fpecificed, and not yet feperate from the bondes of fuch vnlawfull marriage, that then euery fuch perfon, fo vnlawfully married, fhall be feperate by y^e diffinitive fentence & iudgment of the archebifhops, bifhops, and other ministers of the church of Englande, and in other your dominions, within the limittes of their iurifdictions & auctorities, and by none other power or auctority. And that all fentences and iudgements giuen & to be giuen by any archbifhop, bifhop, or other minifter of the church of Englande, or in any other the kinges dominions, within the limittes of their iurifdictions and auctority, fhall be diffinitive firme good and effectual to al intencies, and be obferued, and obeyed, without fuing any prouocations, appeales, prohibicions, or other proceffe, from or to the courfe of Rome, to the derogation therof, or contrary to the acte made fithen the beginning of the laffe parliament for reftreinte of fuch prouocations, appeales, prohibicions, and other proceffes.

¶ And alfo be it enacted by auctority afore fayd, that all the ifue hereafter to be had and proceate betwen your highnes, and your fayd moft deare & entirely beloued lawfull wife queene Jane, fhall be your lawfull children & heires, and be inheritable and inherite, accordinge to the courfe of inheritance and lawes of this realme, the imperiall crowne of the fame, with all dignities, honours, preeminences prerogatiues auctorities, & iurifdictions, to the fame annexed or belonging, in as large and ample maner, as your highnes at this prefent time hath the fame as king of this realme, the inheritance therof to be and remaine to your fayd children and right heires in maner and forme as hereafter fhall be declared, that is to fay.

¶ Firft the fayde imperiall crowne and other the premisses, fhall be to your maiefty and to your heires of your body lawfully begotē, that is to faye, to the firft fonne of your body betwene your highnes and your fayde lawfull wife queene Jane begotē, & to the heires of the body of the fame fyrft fonne lawfully begoten. And for defaulte of fuch heires, than to the fecond fonne of your body, and of the body of the fayd queene Jane begoten, and to the heires of the body of the fame feconde fonne lawfully begoten, as aforefayd and fo to euery fonne of your body, and of the body of fayd Queene Jane begotē, and to the heires of the body of euery fuch fonne begoten, accordinge to the courfe of inheritance in that behalfe.

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it shal happen your said most dere and entierly beloued wife queene Jane to decease without issue male of the body of your highnes to be begotten (which god defende) then the same imperiall crowne, & all other the premises to be to your maiesty, as is aforesayde, and to the sonne and heire male of your body lawfully begotten by any other lawfull wife, & to the heyres of the body of y^e same sonne & heire male lawfully begottē: And for default of suche issue, than to your seconde sonne of your body lawfully begottē, & to the heires of the body of the same seconde sonne lawfully begotten: and so from sonne and heire male, to sonne and heire male, and to y^e heires of y^e seuerall bodies of euery such sonne and heire male lawfully begotten, accordinge to the course of inheritaunce, in lyke maner and fourme, as is abovesayde.

¶ And for defaulte of suche sonnes of your body lawfully begottē: and of the heires of the seuerall bodies of euery such sonne lawfully begotten, y^e then the sayde imperiall crowne, and other the premises, shall be to the issue female betwene your maiesty and your saide moste deere and entierly beloued wife Queene Jane begotten: And for lacke of such issue, than to the heires femals of your body lawfully begotten by any other lawfull wyfe: that is to say, fyrste to the eldest issue female, and to the heires of her bodie lawfully begotten, and so from issue female to issue female, and to theyr heires of their bodies one after an other by course of inheritaunce accordinge to theyr ages, as the crowne of England hath bene accustomed and ought to succede and go, in case when there is heire female inheritable to the same.

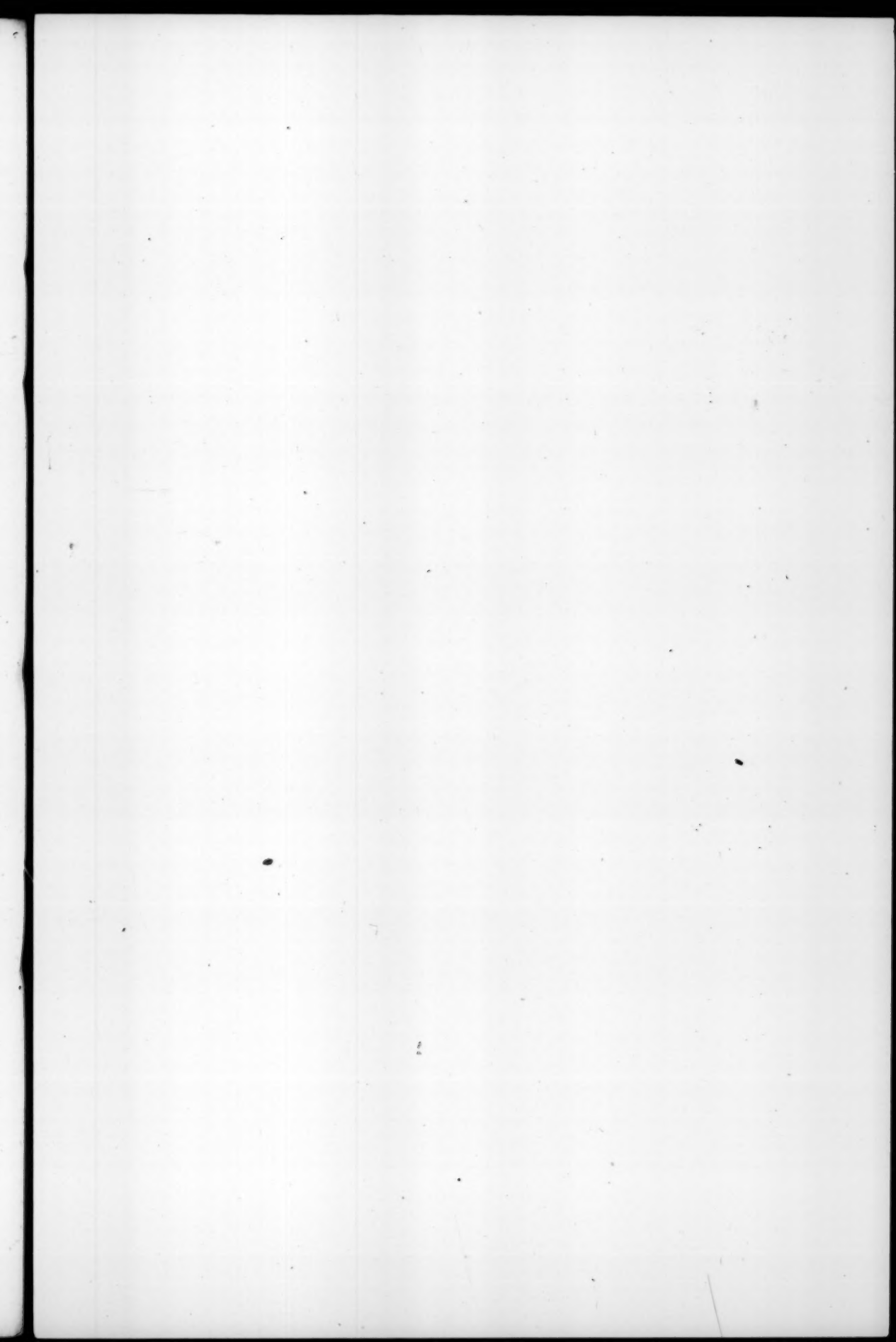
¶ And for as much as it standeth at this present time in the only pleasure and will of almightie god, whether your maiesty shall haue heires begottē and procreated betwene your highnes and your sayd most dere & entierly beloued wife queene Jane, or els any lawfull heires and issues hereafter of your owne body begotten by any other lawfull wife, & if such heires should fayle, as god defende, and no prouision made in your life, who should rule and gouerne this realme for lacke of such heires: that then this realme after your transitorie life shall be destitute of a lawfull gouernour: Whelkes parcase encombyed with suche a person, that would couet to aspire to the same, whome the subiectes of this realme shall not finde in their hartes to loue dyed and obediently serue as their soueraigne lord. And if your grace afoze it may be certainly knownen, whether ye shall haue heires or no should todaynly name and declare any person or persons to succede after your decease, and for lacke of heires of your body lawfully begottē, into the royall estate of the imperiall crowne of this realme: than it is to bee doubted, that such person that should be so named, mought happen to take great hart and courage, and by presumption fall to inobedience & rebellion, by occasion of which premises great diuision and discension may bee and is verry likely to arise and springe in this realme, to the greate perill and destruction of vs your moste humble and obedient subiectes, and of all our poster

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 this realme in good peace rest quietnes & obedience, during all the time of
 your most gracious reigne, which we most hartely desyre mought conti-
 nue for ever, putting all our whole trust and confidence in your highnes,
 and nothing doubting, but that your maiesty, if ye shoulde fayle heyres of
 your body lawfully begotten (which God defende) for the hartye love and
 fervente affection, that ye beate to this realme, and for auoydinge all the
 occasions of deuision afore rehearsed, so earnestly mindeth the wealth of the
 same, that ye can beste and most prudently provide such a gouernour for
 vs and this your realme, as shal and will succede and folowe in the rust &
 right trade of all your proceedinges, and maintayne keepe and defende the
 same, and all the lawes and ordinaunces established in your most graci-
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 auoyding of all ambiguities, doubtles, deuisions and occasions in that be-
 halfe, by your most royall maiesty, by the assente of vs the lordes spirituall
 and tempozal, and the commons in this your present parliament assembled
 and by auctorite of the same, that your highnes shal haue full and plenar
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 sure from time to time, hereafter the imperiall Crowne of this Realme, &
 all other the premisses thereunto belonging, to bee, remayne succede and
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 your maiesty shal giue your sayde imperiall crowne vnto by auctourty of
 this act, & to none other, & wholly so sticke to them, as true & saythfull sub-
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 And for sure corroboration thereof be it further enacted by auctorite
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maiesty to dispose limit and assigne your sayde crowne, and other the premisses therto apertayning, by your letters patentes, or by your laste will, as is aforesayde, shall haue and enioye the same after your decease, and for lacke of heyres of your body lawfully begotten, accordinge to suche a state and after such maner fourme facion order and condicion as shall be therof expressed mentioned & conteyned in your sayde letters patentes, or in your sayd laste will, in as large and ample maner, as if such person and persons had ben your lawfull heyres to the imperial crowne of this realme, and as if the same crowne of this realme had ben giuen & limited to them plainly and particularly by special names and sufficient termes and wordes by the full and immediat auctoritie of this your most high court of Parliament.

And it is further enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that if any of your heyres or children hereafter do vsurpe the one of them vpon the other in the crowne of this realme, or claime or chalenge your sayd imperial crowne in any other forme or degree of discent or succession then is aforesayd limited by this acte: Or if any person or persons, to whom it shal please your highnes of your most excellent goodnes, by auctoritie of this acte to giue and dispose your sayd crowne and dignitie of this realme, or the heyres of anye of them, do at any tyme hereafter demaunde chalenge or claime your sayd crowne of this realme, other wyse or in any other course fourme degree or condicion then the same shalbe giuen disposed and limited vnto them by your highnes, by vertue and auctoritie of this acte. Or if any such person or persons, to whom your maiesty shall hereafter giue or dispose your sayd crowne by auctoritie of this acte, or any of theyr heyres, do interrupte or let any of the heyres of your maiesty, that is or shalbe begotten, borne, & procreated vnder your lawfull pure sincere & vndouted mariage nowe had & solemnised betwene your highnes & your sayd most dere and entierly beloued wyfe Queene Jane, or any other your lawfull heyres hereafter to be begotten of your body by any other lawfull mariage, peaceably and quietly to keepe haue and enioy the sayde imperial crowne, and other the premisses, by course of inheritance according to the limitation thereof, expressed and declared by this acte, that then all and singular the offendours in any of the premisses, contrary to this acte, & all theyr abbetours, mainteynours, fauours, counsaillours and aydours therein, shalbe deemed & adiudged highe traytours to the realme. And that every such offence shalbe accepted reputed and taken to be high treason, & the offendours therein, theyr aydours, mainteynours, fauours, counsaillours and abettours & every of them, for every such offence shal suffer such iudgement and paynes of death, losses & forsaitures of landes, goods, and priuileges of sanctuary, as in any cases of high treason. And ouer that as well your sayde heyres and children, as every suche person and persons, to whom your highnes shall limite your sayd crowne, in fourme as is aforesayd, and every of theyr heyres for every such offence aboue specified, by them or any of them to be committed, shal lose and forsaite as wel al such righte title and interest, that they maye claime



clayme or challenge in or to the crowne of this realme, as heires by descent, or by reason of any gift or act shall be done by your highnes, for his or their aduancement, by auctorite of this acte, or other wyse by any maner of meanes or pretence whatsoeuer it be.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that if any person or persons, of what estate degree dignitie or condicion so euer they be, at any tyme hereafter, by wordes wryting, imprintinge, or by any exterieor acte or dede, maliciously or willingly procure, or do or cause to be procured or done directly or indirectly, any thing or thinges, to the perill of your moste royall person, or to the perill of the person of any your heires or successours, hauing the royall estate of the crowne of this realme: or maliciously or willingly giue occasion by wordes, wryting, printe, dede or acte, wherby your highnes or any your sayd heires or successours, hauinge the royall estate of the crown of this realme, might be disturbed or interrupted of the crowne of this realme: or by wordes, wryting, print, dede or act procure or do, or cause to be procured or done any thing or thinges, to or for the interruption, repele or adnullation of this acte, or of any thing therein conteyned, or of any thing that shall be done by your highnes in the limitation and disposition of your crown by auctorite of h^e same; or by wordes, wryting, print, dede or act procure or cause to be procured or done, any thing or thinges, to the prejudice slander disturbance or derogation of the sayd lawfull matrimony, solempnised betwen your maiesty and h^e said queene Jane, or any other your lawfull wife or wyues hereafter by your highnes to be take: or to the perill slander or disherison of any of the issues and heires of your highnes, beyng limited by this act to enherite & to be inheritable to the crowne of this realme, in such forme as is aforesayd: or to the interruption or disherison of any such person or persons, to whom your highnes shall assigne and dispose your sayde imperiall crowne by auctorite of this act as is afoze remembred: wherby any such issues or heires of your highnes, or such other pers^{on} or persons might be distressed disturbed or interrupted in same body or title of h^e inheritance to h^e crowne of this realme as to them is limited in this acte in forme aboue rehersed, or as to them shalbe limited and assigned by your highnes, by vertue and auctorite of this act. or if any person or persons by wordes, wryting, imprinting or any other exterieor act directly or indirectly accept or take, iudge or beleue any of the mariages had and solempnised betwene the kinges highnes and the sayde lady Katharine, or betwene the kynges highnes and h^e said late queene Anne, to be good lawfull or of any effect: or by wordes, wryting, printing or any other exterieor acte directly or indirectly, slander, interrupt, impeach, gainsaye, or impugne, the lawfull iudgementes and sentences of the saide most reuerend father in god, Thomas archbishop of Canterbury and primate of all Englande, for and concerning the diuorces and seperations of the sayde vnlawfull mariages or any of them. or by wordes, wryting, print or any other exterieor act directly or indirectly, take, accepte, name, or call by any pretence any of the children
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borne and procreated vnder any of the said vnlawful mariages, to be legitimate and lawful children of your maiestie. ¶ If any persō or persōs craftily imagine, inuent or attempt by colour of any pretence to depriue the kynges highnes, the queene, or the heires of their bodies begotten, or anye other the heires of the kyngs body lawfully begotten, or any person or personnes, to whome the kynges highnesse shall dispose, giue and limite the crowne of this realme, by auctoritie of this acte, of any of their tyle, stiles, names degrees or royal estates or regal power: ¶ If any person or persōs at any time hereafter, being required or commaunded by the kynges hyghnes, or by such person or persons, as shall bee auctozised by his grace or his lawful heires to make or take an othe, to answere to such questions and interrogatozies, as shalbe objected to them, vpon any clause, article, sentence, or worde, contained in this acte, do contēptuously or vtterly refuse to make or take suche othe, or without frustratōy delay do not make or take y same Othe: or after the makynge or takynge such othe, do contemptuously refuse directlye to aunswere to suche questions and interrogatozies, as be objected concernynge the same or any parte therof: that then euery suche person and persons, of what estate degree or condicion soeuer he or thei be, and their apdours, counsailours, mainteinours and abettours, and euery of them, for euery suche offence afoze Declared, shall bee adiudged highe traitours: And that euery suche offence afoze specified shall be adiudged hygh treason, and the offendours therein and their aidours counsailours mainteinours and abettours, and euery of the beyng lawfully conuict of any such offence by presentmente, verdit, confession or processe, accordyng to the custome & lawes of this realme, shall suffer peines of death as in cases of high treason: And that also euery such offendour, being cōuict as is aforesaid, shall lose and forsaite to your highnes, and to your heires or successours kynges or regall rulers of this realme, al such manours, landes, tenements, rentes, annuities and hereditamentes, which they had in possession as owners, or were sole leased of, by or in any right, title or meang, or any other person or persons had to their vse of any estate of enheritaunce, at the day of such treasons and offences by them committed and done. And shal also lose and forsaite to your highnes & your sayd heires, as well all maner such estates of frehold and interest for yeres of landes and rentes, as all other goods catallies and dettes, which they had at the time of their conuiction or atteinder, of any suche offence: Sauinge alwaye to euery suche person and persons and bodies politike, to their heires assignes and successours, and to y heires and successours of euery of them other then such person as shalbe so conuict or atteinnted and their heires and successours, and all other claymyng to their vles, all such righte, title, vse, interest, possessiō, condiciō, rentes, fees, offices, annuities, and cōmens, which thei or any of the shal haue in or vpon any such manours, landes, tenements, rentes, annuities or hereditamentes, that shall so happen to be lost and forsaite by reason of any cōuiction or atteinnder, for any the treasons and offences aboue reherfed, at
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any tyme befoze the sayd treasons and offences committed.

Be it also enacted by thautozity aforesaid, that no person or persons, offending in any the treasons contayned & limited by this act, or in any other treasons, shall in any wise haue & enioy the priuiledge or immunity of any maner saintuary within this realme, or els where wpythin any the kings Dominions: but shall utterly lose & be excluded of the same, any vse, graunt, custome, prescription, confirmation, or anye other thing or thinges to the contrary hereof in any wise not withstanding.

And be it also enacted by auctozity aforesaid, that if your maiesty shall happen to deceasse befoze any such your issue and heire male of your body, which should inherite the crowne of this realme, shall be of his age of xviij. yeares, or befoze that such your issue and heire female, which should inherite y^e crowne of this realme, shall be married, or be of the age of xvi. yerres, (which almighty God defend) that than y^e said issue and heire male to the crowne, so being within the age of xviij. yerres, or your said issue and heire female to the crowne, so being vnmarried, or wpythin the said age of xvi. yerres, shall be and remaine, vntill suche time as such issues and heires shall come to they^r said seuerall ages afoze lymitted, at and in the gouernance of they^r naturall mother, and of such other your counsaylours and nobles of your realme, as your highnes shall limite and appointe by your laste wyl made in wytyng, signed wyth your most gracious hand, if it shal be thought by your highnes most conueniente so to be: or els the sayde issues and heires shall be at and in the gouernaunce of such of your counsaylours and nobles of your realme, as your maiesty shall name and appointe by your last wyl made in wytyng, and signed wyth your moste gracious hande, as is aforesayd. And if any person or personnes by wytyng printing or exterior dedde or act, directly or indirectly, procure or do, or cause to be procured or done anye thinge or thinges, to the let or disturbaunce of the same: that then euery such offence shall be high treason, and the offendours being therof conuicted shal suffer such paynes of death and losse of inheritaunce, priuiledges of saintuaries, freeholdes, interestes for yerres, goods, cattels and dettes, in such maner & fourme as is aboue specified in cases of treason afoze mentioned.

And for the more sure establishment of the succession of your moste royal maiesty, according to the tenour and fourme of this act, Be it further enacted by auctozity aforesayd, that as well all the nobles of your realme spirituall and temporall, as all other your subiecttes now liuinge and beinge, or that hereafter shall be at they^r full ages, by the commaundement of your maiesty, or of your heires or successours, at all times hereafter from tyme to tyme whā it shal please your highnes or your heires or successours to apoint, shal make a corporal othe in the presence of your highnes, or your heires or successours, or befoze such other as your maiesty or your heires or successours will assigne for the same, for the keeping obseruinge defendinge auowinge and mainteyning of this acte, and of all thinges that shall be

done by your highnes by auctorite therof, accordinge to the tenour of an othe hereafter ensuyng: That is to say, ye shall sweare to beare faith, truth and obedience all onely to the kyngs maiestie, supreme head in earth vnder god of the churche of Englande, duringe his lyfe, and to his heires of his body of his most deare & entierly beloued lawfull wife queene Jane, begotten and to be begotten & procreated: And further to the heires of our sayde soueraigne lord, accordinge to the limitation in the statute made for suretie of his succession in the crowne of this realme, in the parliamente begon and holden at Westminster in the .viii. day of June, in the .xxviii. yere of the kynges moste gracious reygne. And also for lacke of such heires, to such person and persons as the kynges highnes shall limite and apoynt to succeed to the crowne, by vertue & auctorite of y^e same acte, & not to any other within this realme, nor foraine auctorite power or potentate. And in case any other othe be made or hath bene made by you to any person or persons: & then ye to repute the same as vayne & adnichilate. And that to your conynge, witte and vttermost of your power, without guile, fraud, or other vndue maner, ye shall obserue keepe maynteyne and defende the sayd acte of succession made in the sayd parlyamente, begon and holden at Westminster in the sayde .viii. day of June, in the sayd .xxviii. yere of the kynges most royall reygne, and all the whole effectes and contentes therof, and all thynges that shall be done by the kynges highnes by auctorite of the same, and all other actes and statutes made in confirmacio or for executio of the same or of any thing therein cōteined: and this ye shal do against al maner of persons, of what estate, dignitie, degre or condition soeuer they be: & in no wise do or attempt, nor to your power suffre to be done or attempted directly or indirectly any thinge or thynges priuily or apertly, to the let, hynderance Damage or derogation therof, or of any part of the same, or of any thyng or thynges, that shall be done by the kynges highnes, by vertue or auctorite of the sayde acte, by any maner of meanes, or for any maner of pretence, so healpe you god, all saintes, and the holy Euangelistes.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that all maner your subiectes, as well spirituall as temporall, surynge lyuerey, or ouster le mayne, out of the handes of your hyghnes, or of your heires or successours, or doinge any fealty to your highnes, or to your heires or successours, by reason of tenure of their landes, shall sweare the sayde corporall othe abone mencioned. And that they nor any of theim, shall hereafter haue any lyuereys, ouster le mayne, or restitution out of your handes, nor out of the handes of your heires or successours, tyll they shall haue made the sayde corporall othe, in fourme aboue rehearsed. And if any person or persons, beyng commaunded by auctorite of this acte, to make the sayde othe aforesayd, obstinately or wilfully refuse that to dooe, or wyll protest and say, whan they shall be examined vpon any interrogatoies, that shall be objected to them, for or concernynge this acte, or any thyng therein contained

peyned, that they be not bounde to declare theyr thought and conscience, & stiffely thereon abyde: that then euery such person so doing, for euery suche offence shalbe taken and accepted for offendour in highe treason:

And that euery suche refusall shalbe deemed and adiudged highe treason, & the offendour therein, being as afoze is limited, lawfully convicted or attainted thereof by the lawes of this realme, shall suffer suche peynes of death losses and forsaitures, and also lose priuiledges of sanctuaries, in like maner and fourme as is aboue mencioned, for the treasons afoze limited by this acte.

And be it further enacted by auctorite of this present Parliament, that if it shall please the kinges maiesty at anye time hereafter, by his letters patentes vnder his great seale, or by his last wyll made in wytyng, and signed wyth his most gracious hande, to aduaunce any person or persons of his most royall bloud to any title stile or name, of any estate dignite or honour, whatsoeuer it be, & to giue to them or to anye of them any castells honours manours landes tenementes liberties franchises or other hereditamētis, in fee simple fee taile or for terme of their liues, or the life of any of them: that then al and euery such letters patentes and last will of his highnes, so to be made to any such person or persons of his bloud, shall be good and effectual to them and euery of them, accordinge to the tenour purpotes and effectes of euery such letters patentes and laste will. And that the said person and persons, and euery of them, shall haue and enioye as well all suche titles stiles and names of honour dignity and estate, which shall be conteyned, and expessed in any such letters patentes or laste will of the kinges highnes, as suche castelles honours manours landes tenementes liberties franchises and all other hereditamentes, which shalbe specified and mencioned in euery such letters patētes or last wyll, in such maner fourme fashon and condicion, and accordinge to such estate or estates in law, as shalbe expessed and limited in euery such letters patentes or laste will, in as large and ample maner to all intentes and purposes, as if the titles stiles and names of honoure dignity and estate, and the castelles, honour manours landes tenementes liberties franchises and other hereditamentes, which shalbe compysed in anye suche letters patentes or laste wil to be made, were all ready giuen by good and sufficiēt letters patentes to such person or persones of the kinges bloude by theyr speciall names and surnames, and ratified and confirmed by auctorite of this presente parliamente, Or as if the names of such person and persones, so beinge of the kinges bloude, and suche titles stiles names castelles honours manours landes tenementes liberties franchises or other hereditamentes, had been speciallly named and expessed in this acte, and giuen to such personne and persones of the kinges bloude by theyr proper names and surnames, by sufficient wordes termes clauses and sentences, immediatly by auctorite of this present parliament. Sauing to all and euery person & persons and bodyes politike, and to theyr heires assignes and successours

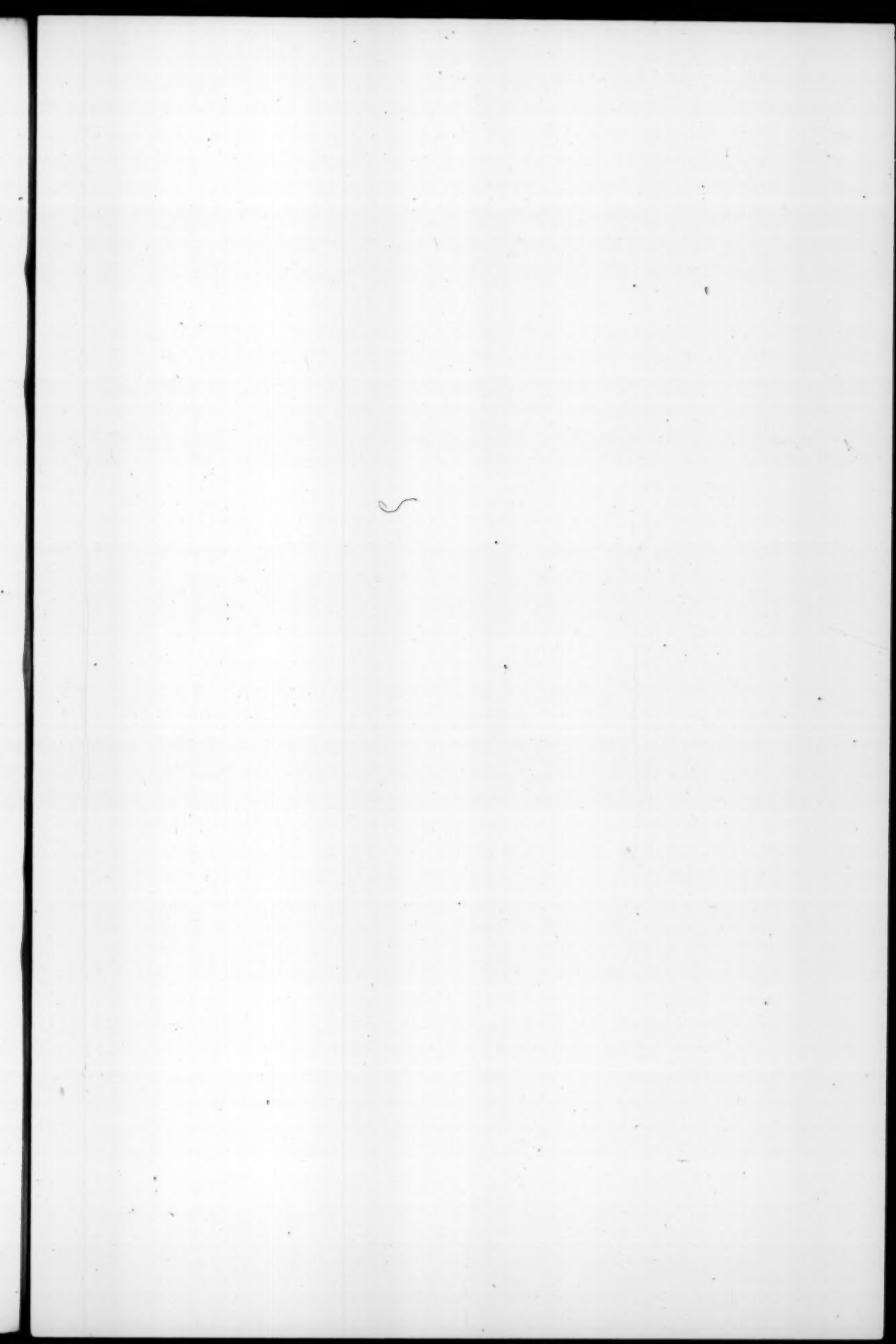
other than to the kynges highnes, his heyres or successours, al such ryght title interest possessiō rents annuities fees offyces cōmens rightes interestes petitions condicions and all other hereditaments, whych they or any of them may or mought clayme of in or to any the sayd titles stiles names castelles honours manours lands tenements liberties franchiseles & other hereditamentes conteyned or mencioned in anye suche letters patentis or last wyll, in as large & ample maner, as if this act had neuer bene had nor made.

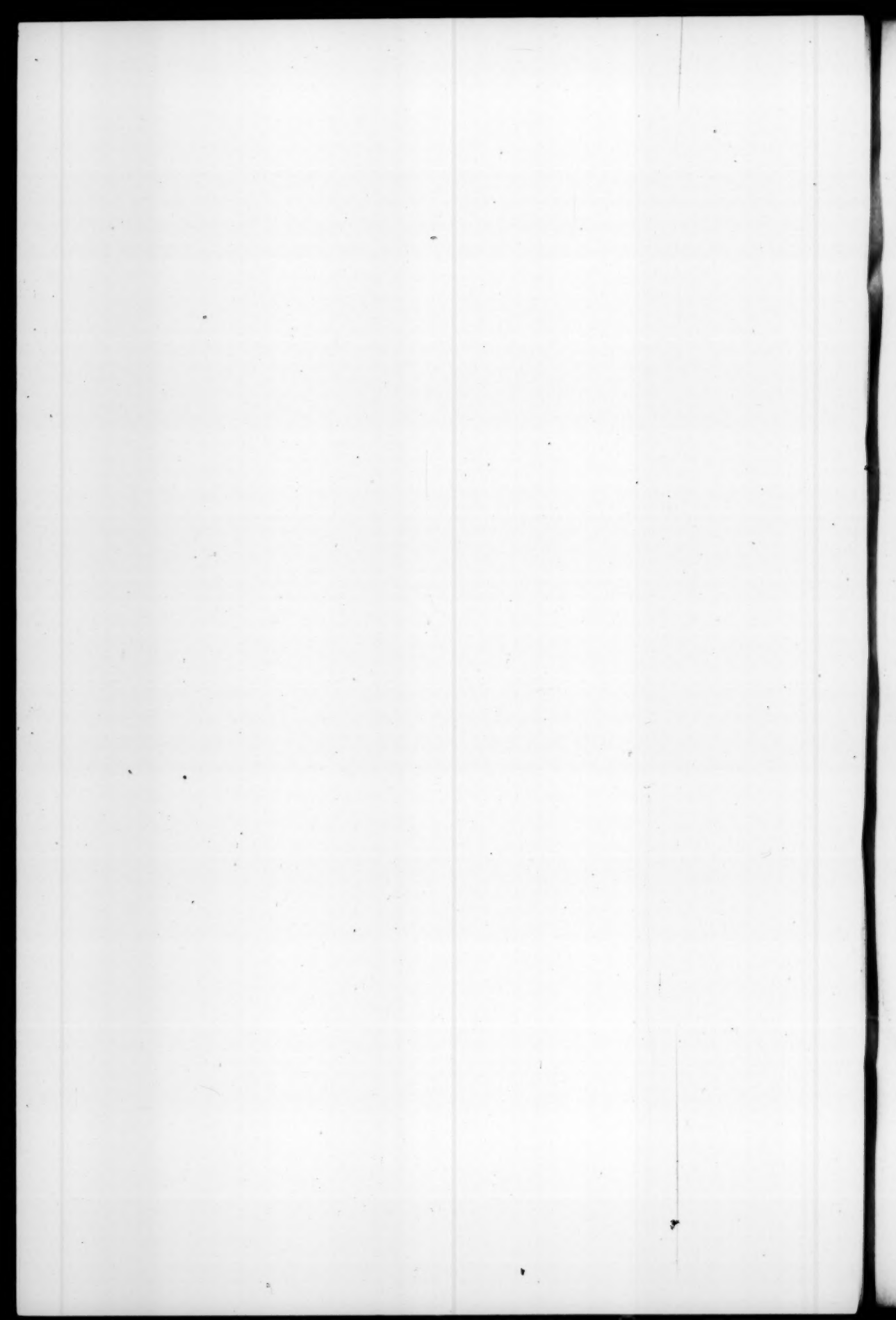
And be it finally enacted by thauctozity aforesayd, that this present act, and every clause article and sentence comprysed in the same, shall be taken and accepted accordyng to the playne woordes and sentences therein conteyned, & shall not be interpreted nor expounded by colour of any pretence or cause, or by any subtill argumētes inuentiō or reasons, to the hinderance disturbance or derogacion of this act, or any part therof: Any thinge or thinges, acte or actes of parliament heretofore made, or hereafter to be had done or made to the contrary therof notwithstanding. And that every act statute law prouision thinge and thinges heretofore had or made, or hereafter to be had done or made, contrary to the effect of this statute, shalbe voyde and of no value nor force.

An act for continuance of the statutes agaynst the caryage of brasse latten and copper out of this realme, And for making of Cables and ropes: for the wyndinge of wolles, and agaynst killyng of weynlynges vnder the age of two yeares. Cap. viij.



Here in the last parliamente begunne and holden at LOND the thyrde day of Nouember, in the xxi. yeare of the kynges most gracious raigne, and from thens adiourned to Westminster, and there holden and cōtinued by diuers prorogacions vntil the dissolution thereof, it was ordeyned & established amongst other things one acte for restrayning the cariages of brasse, latten & copper oute of thys realme: And also one other acte was made in this parliamente for the true makinge of cables halsters and ropes: One other act for true wynding of wolles: and one other acte to restrayne killyng of weynlyngs bullockes steres or heffers, being vnder the age of two yeares. All which foure seuerall actes were made to continue and endure to the next parliament, as by the sayde actes more playnly appereth. For as much as the sayd seuerall actes, & every of them, be necessary for the common wealth of this realme, be it therefore enacted by auctozity of this present parliament, that the sayde foure seuerall actes, and all clauses articles and prouisions therein conteyned, shall from henceforth be and stād good and effectual, and to endure and continue vntil the last day of the next parliament.





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An act for continuance of the statutes of perjury, for making of sayles,
for pewterers, and for sowing of flaxe and hempe. Cap. ix.



Here in the parliament begonne and holden at London the third day of November, & from thence adjourned to Westminster, & there holden and continued by prorogacion vnto the xv. day of January, in the xliiij. yere of the reigne of our most dread soueraigne lord kinge Henry the viij. it was then in that session of the sayd parliamente one act made & established for the attaintes to be sued for punishmente of perjury vppon vntreue verdictes, which act was then made to endure to the last daye of the next parliament. And where also in the sayd session of the sayde parliament one acte was made and established, for makinge of sayles in diuers shypes of this realme, which act was then made to continue and endure for one yere nexte after the end of the same parliament. And wher also in the time of the same parliament, one other act was made concerning pewterers, which act was also made to endure to the last day of the next parliament. And also in the time of the sayd parliamēt one other act was made concerning sowing of flaxe and hempe, which act also was made to continue and endure to the last day of the next parliament, as by the said foure seuerall actes moze plainly appereth. For asmuch as the sayde foure actes be good & beneficiall for the comun wealth of this realme, bee it therfore enacted by authority of this present parliamente, that the sayd iiii. actes & euerye of them, and al clauses articles and prouisions therein conteyned, shal stande continue and indure in theyr force & strength, and be obserued & kept to the last day of the next parliament.

An act extinguishting the auctority of the bishop of Rome. Cap. x.



For as much as not withstandinge the good & holsome lawes ordinaunces & statutes heretofore made enacted and established by the kinges highnes our most gracious souereigne lord, and by the hole consent of his high court of parliament, for the extirpacion abolition and extinguishtment out of this realme, & other his graces dominions legnities & countreis, of the pretended power & usurped auctority of the bishop of Rome, by some called the Pope, vnto in the same or elsewhere concerning the same realme dominions legnities or countreis, which did obfuscate & wrest Gods holy word & testament a long season fro the spiritual & true meaning therof, to his worldly & carnal affectiōs, as pompe, glory, auarice, ambition, & tyranny, coueringe & shadowing the same, wyth his humaine and politike deuises, tradicions, and inuēciōs sette forth to promote and stablishe his onelye dominion, both vppon the sowles and also the bodyes and goodes of all Christian people,

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excludiſg Chriſt out of his kingdome and rule of mans ſoule, as much as hee maye, and all other temporall kinges and Prynces out of theiꝝ Dominions, which they oughte to haue by Gods lawe, vppon the bodyes and goodes of theiꝝ ſubiectes: whereby he did not onely robbe the kinges maieſty, being onely ꝑ ſupreme head of this his realme of Englaꝝ immediately vnder GOD, of his honour, right and preeminence, due vnto him by the lawe of GOD, but ſpoiled this his realme yerele of innumerable treaſure, & wyth the loſſe of the ſame deceyued the kinges louing & obedient ſubiectes perſwadinge to them by his lawes, bulles, and other his deceyuable meanes, ſuche dꝛames, vanities, & fantaſyes, as by the ſame manye of theiꝝ were ſeduced and conueyed vnto ſuperſtitious & erronious opinions: ſo that the kinges maieſtye, the lordes ſpiritual and temporall and the commons in this realme beinge ouer weryed & fatigated, wyth the perieꝝce of the infinite abhominacions and miſchieues proceeding of his impoſtures, & craftely colouring of his deceytes, to the great damages of ſoules bodyes and goodes, were forced of neceſſitye foꝝ the publique weale of this realme, to exclude that foꝛeyne pretended power iuriſdiction and auctoꝛity, vſed & vſurped wythin this realme, and to deuise ſuch remedies foꝝ theiꝝ reliefe in the ſame as doth not onely redound to the honour of GOD, ꝑ high prayſe and aduancement of the kynges maieſty, and of his realme, but alſo to ꝑ great and ineſtimable vtility of the ſame. And notwithstanding the ſayde hoſſome lawes ſo made, and heretofore eſtabliſhed, yet it is comen to the knowledge of the kinges hyghnes, & alſo to diuers and many his louinge faythfull and obedient ſubiectes, how that diuers ſedicious and contentious perſons, being impꝛes of the ſayde biſhop of Rome and his See, and in hart members of his pretended monarchy, do in corners and els where, as they dare whiſper inculke preach and perſwade, and from time to time inſtill into the eares and heads of the poore ſimple and vnlettered people, the auancement and continuance of the ſayd biſhoppes ſeyned and pretended auctoꝛity, pretending the ſame to haue his grounde and original of Gods lawe, whereby the oppynions of many be ſuſpended, theiꝝ iudgmẽts corrupted & deceyued, & diuerſity in opinions augmented & encreaſed, to ꝑ great diſpleaſure of almighty GOD, the highe diſcontentacion of our ſayde moſt dꝛed ſouereigne lord, & the interruption of the vniꝝy loue charity concord and agreement, that ought to be in a chꝛiſten region and congregacion. foꝝ auoyding wherof & reſreſſion of the follyes of ſuch ſedicious perſons, as be the meanes & authours of ſuch inconueniences, We it enacted ordeyned and eſtabliſhed by the kyng oure ſoueraigne lord, and the lordes ſpiritual and temporall, and the commons in thys preſente parliament aſſembled, & by thauctoꝛity of the ſame, that if any perſon oꝝ perſons, dwelling demurring inhabityng oꝝ reſpant wythin this realme, oꝝ wythin any other the kinges Dominions ſegnioryes oꝝ countreys, oꝝ the marches of ꝑ ſame, oꝝ els where within oꝝ vnder his oberſaunce & power, of what ſtate dignity preeminence order degree oꝝ condicio ſouer he oꝝ they be, after the laſte

last day of July, which shalbe in y^e yere of oure Lord God. M.D. xxxvi. shal by wytyng, cyftryng, prynting, preching or teachyng, deede or act obstinately or maliciously hold or stand wyth, to extolle, set forth, mayntayne or defend the auctorite, iurisdiction or power of y^e byshop of Rome, or of hys see, here tofore claymed, vsed, or vsurped wthin this realme or in any Dominio or countrey beyng of wthin or vnder the kyngs power or obeyssaunce, or by any pretence obstinately or maliciously inuente any thyng for thertollyinge, auancement, setting forth mayntennance or defence of y^e same, or any part therof, or by any pretence obstinately or maliciously attribute any maner of iurisdiction, auctorite or prehemynence to the sayd see of Rome, or to any byshop of the same see for the tyme being wthin this realme or in any the kynges Dominions or countreys: that then euery such person or personnes, so doyng or offendynge, theyr aydours, assistentes, comforters, abettours, procurers, maynteyners, sautours, counsaylours, contelours, and euery of them, beyng therof lawfully couicted, accordyng to y^e lawes of this realme for euery such default and offence shal incurre and runne into the daungers, penalties, peynes, & forsaitures, or depnyed & prouided by the statute of prouision and premunire, made in the xvi. yere of the reigne of the noble and valiant prince king Richard the second, against such as atte mpt procure or make prouision to y^e see of Rome or els where, for any thing or thynges to the derogation or contrary to the prerogatiue roall or iurisdiction of the crowne and dignite of this realme.

And to thentent that this act at all tymes maye be well and truly executed, and the offendours therof haue and receyue condigne punishmente accordyng to theyr demerites, It is enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that as wel iustices of assyse in theyr cyrcuites, as iustices of peace wthin the limittes of theyr commission & auctorities, or two of euery suche iusticiars of peace at the least, wherof one to be of the quorum, shal haue ful power and auctorite to enqyre of all offences, contemptes and trasgressiōs, perpetrated committed or done contrary to this acte, in like maner and fourme as they may of other offences agaynst the kinges peace: And shal certifye euery presentment afoze them or any of them had or made, concerning this act or any parte thereof, befoze the kyng in hys benche, wthin xl. dayes next after any such presentment had or made, if the terme be then open: And if not, than at the fyrst day of the terme next followyng y^e said xl. dayes, vpon payne y^e euery of the iusticiars of assyse, or iusticiars of peace befoze whom such presentment shalbe made, making default of such certificat contrary to this statute, to lose and forsaite forty poundes to the kinges highnes.

And it is enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that the Iusticiars of the kynges benche, as well vpon euery such certificat as by inqyre befoze themselves wthin y^e limits of theyr auctorities, shal haue ful power & auctorite to heate order and determine euery such offence, don or committed contrary to this act, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, in such like maner
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and fourme to all intentes & purposes, as if the person or persons, against whom any presentment shalbe had vpon this statute, had ben presented vpon any matter or offence expessed in the sayd estatute, made in the saide xviij. yere of king Richard the second.

And it is also enacted by thautoritei aforesayde, that all & euery Archbishops, bishops and archdeacons, within this realme, theyr commissaries, vicars general, & other theyr ministers, in euery theyr visitacions & seanes shall make diligent insarche, enquiry, & examination of all and euery ecclesiastical and religious person within any of theyr iurisdiction, which shalbe suspected accused or deemed to bee a transgressour or offendour of this act. And if vpon such serche enquiry and examination any ecclesiasticall or religious persons shalbe presented suspected accused, or founde culpable by witness or confession, of any offence contrary to this act, and be present at the time of such presentmente examination or accusation: that then euery the archbishops, bishops & archdeacons theyr commissaries, vicars general, and other theyr ministers, afoze or to whom any such person shalbe presented suspected, accused or founde culpable, as is aforesayde, shall committe euery such person so presented suspected, accused or founde culpable, if he be presente, as is aforesayde, to the nexte common iayle of the shyre where such enquiry, examination, or accusation shalbe had or made, or els by good and sufficient sureties to be bounden by obligation to the kinges vse, shal let euery such personne to bayle by theyr discretions, to appeere before the king and his counsaile in the Starre Chamber at westminster, wpythin xviij. dayes next after suche enquiry presentmente or accusation if the terme be then open and kept, or els in the first day of the terme next folowynge after the same enquiry, presentment or accusation. And at the same daye limited for suche apparaunce, they shall certifie into the sayde starre chamber by wytyng vnder theyr seales, as well the sayd bonde and obligation taken for such apparance, as the presentment, examination, accusation or conuiction of euery such person, and al depositions and circumstances therof, and the name of the iayle, whereunto they haue committed the sayd person. And if any suche ecclesiasticall, or religious person, beyng presented suspected or accused in any seane or visitation, be not presente at the time of the sayde seane or visitation as is aforesayde, that then neuerthelesse euery the sayd archbishops, bishops and archdeacons, theyr commissaries, vicars general, & all other theyr ministers, afoze or to whom any such presentment suspicion and accusatiō shalbe had or made, shal certifie euery such presentment, suspicion & accusatiō, & al cyrcūstance therof (as is aforesayd) into the starre chamber at westm. within xviij. dayes next after such presentment, suspicion & accusation, had or made, or in the first day of the terme next folowinge after such presentmente, suspicion, or accusation, in such maner and fourme as is afoze rehearsed. And in case any ecclesiasticall or religious person, being presented suspected or accused of any offence don or attempted contrary to this estatute, be therof conuicted by

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confession or witnes befoze any archbifhoppe, bifhop, or archdeacon, or befoze any ſe commiffaryes, vicars generall, or other their minifters in their ſeanes or viſitations, or befoze the kinges counſayle in the ſtarre chamber at weſtminſter: that then euery ſuch ſpirituall and religious perſon, ſo beinge conuicte, ſhal ſuffer ſuch peynes penalties and forfeitures, as be expreſſed in the ſayd ſtatute made in the ſayd xvi. yere of kyng Rycharde the ſeconde.

It is alſo enacted by thauctoryty afozeſayde, that if any eccleſiaſtical iudge or viſitatur do volūtarily cōceale cloake hide or colour any preſentment accusation or confession, that ſhalbe made to him cōcerning this ſtatute, and do not certifye euery ſuch accusation preſentment or confefſiō befoze the kinge and his counſayle in the ſtarre Chamber at weſtminſter, in ſuch maner and ſourme as is aboue ſpecified in this eſtatute: that than euerye ſuche eccleſiaſtical iudge and viſitatur, ſo wilfully offendynge, for euery ſuch default ſhal forfeit xl. li. the one halfe thereof to the kinges highnes, the other halfe to ſuch perſon as wyl ſue for the ſame by original writ, bill plainte or information in any of the kinges courtes: in which ſuite no eſſoyne protection or wager of law ſhalbe admitted nor allowed.

And for ſtronger defence and mayntenaunce of this acte, it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoryty afozeſayd, that all and euery eccleſiaſtical iudge, ordinary, chauncellour, commiſſarye, officiall, vicar generall, and other eccleſiaſtical officer or myniſter, of what dignite, preeminence or degree ſo euer they ſhal be: And all and euery temporal iudge, iuſticiar, mayer, baylyſſe, ſhyrreſſe, vnderſhyrreſſe, eſcheator, alderman, iurat, conſtable, hedborowe, thyrbboroughe, bozſolder, and euery other lay offycer and myniſter, to be made, created, elected, or admitted wythin this realme or anye other the kinges Dominions, of what eſtate, order, degree, or cōdicion ſo euer he ſhalbe from and after the ſayd laſte day of July, ſhal befoze he take vppon him the execution of ſuch office, make take and receyue a coppozal othe vppon the Euangeliftes, befoze ſuch perſon or perſons as haue or ſhall haue auctoryty to admit hym, that he from henceforth ſhall vtterly renounce, reſuſe, relinquifhe or forſake the byſhop of Rome and hys auctorytye, power, and iuriſdiction: And that he ſhall neuer conſent nor agree, that the biſhop of Rome ſhal practyſe, exercyſe or haue any maner of auctoryty, iuriſdiction or power wythin this realme, or any other the kinges Dominions; but ſhe ſhal reſiſt the ſame at al tymes to the vttermoſt of his power. And that from henceforth hee ſhal accepte, repyte and take the kinges maiesty to be the onely ſupreme heade in earth of the Church of Englande. And that to hys cunning, witte, and vttermoſt of his power, wythout gyle fraude or other vndue meane, he ſhal obſerue keepe, mayntayne and defende the whole effectes and contentes of al and ſingular actes and ſtatutes made & to bee made wythin this realme, in derogation, extirpation & extinguiſhment of the biſhop of Rome and hys auctoryty. And all other actes and ſtatutes made and to be made in reſormation and corroboration of the kinges

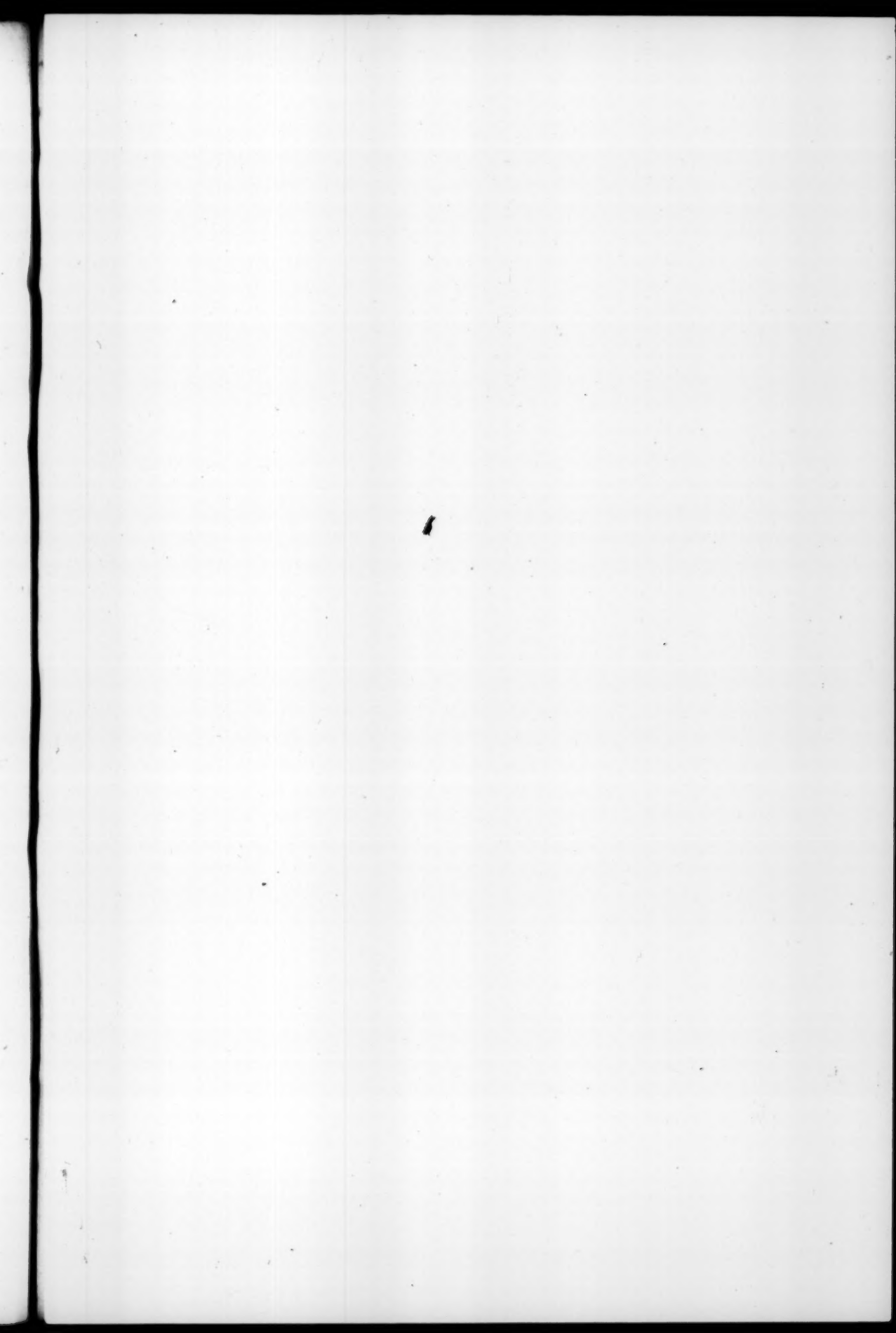
ges power of supreme head in earth of the Church of England: and this he shall do against al maner of persons, of what estate dignity degree or condition they bee, and in no wyse do nor attempte, nor to his power suffer to be done or attempted directlye or indirectlye any thinge or thinges priuely or apertly, to the let hinderaunce damage or derogation thereof, or of anye part therof, by any maner of meanes, or for any maner of pretence. And in case any othe be made or hath been made by him to any person or persons in maintenaunce, defence or fauour of the bishop of Rome or his auctority iurisdiction or power, he repute the same as vayne and adnichilate, so help him God all saynts and the holy Euangelist.

And it is also enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that all and every person and persons spirituall and temporal, swyrng liuerie restitutions or oustrele mayne out of the kyng, his heires, or successours handes, or doring anye fealtie to his highnesse his heires or successours, or which shalbe sworne to the kyng his heires or successours, or that shal haue any office fee or roume of the most gracious gift of the kinges maiesty, his heires or successours, or shall be reteyned in seruice wyth his grace his heires or successours, shal make, take, and receyue the sayd othe. And that also all and every religious personne, at the time of his or theyr profession or entree into religion, and every other ecclesiasticall personne at the time of his taking of orders, and all and every other person, which shalbe promoted or preferred to any degree of learning in any Uniuersity within this realme or other the kinges dominions at the time of his promotion or preferment, & every of the shal make, take, and receyue the sayde othe befoze his or theyr soueraigne, ordinary, or the commissary of such Uniuersity.

And it is also enacted by the auctority aforesayde, that if any person or personnes, limited or commaunded by auctority of this acte to make the sayde othe, or commaunded by anye other person or persons auctorised by the kinges highnes commission, vnder his greate seale, or his seale ordeyned for causes ecclesiasticall, to make the sayde othe, obstinately refuse that to do: that then every such offence & contempt shall be highe treason, and the offendours therof being lawfully conuicted, shall suffer paynes of death & other forfeitures penalties and losses, as is limited and accustomed in cases of high treason by any lawes or statutes of this realme heretofore made.

Provided alwayes and be it enacted, that this acte nor anye thinge or thinges in the same rehearsed mencioned or comprised, be in any wyse prejudiciall hurtfull or derogatorie to the ceremonies, bles, and other laudable and politike ordinaunces, for a tranquillity, discipline, conorde, deuotion, vnity, and decent order heretofore in the church of Englande vsed instituted taken and accepted, nor to any person or persons accordingly vsing the same or any of them.

Provided alway and be it enacted by auctority of this presente parliamente, that this acte, concerninge the bishoppe of Rome or anye thinge
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to be done by his vsurped auctozitye, shall no further bynde nor extende to and vpon the kynges subiectes of his yle of Jersey, Gernesey, and Alderney, in any other maner forme or condicion, than it shall please the kynges highnes, with the aduise of his moſte honozable counſaile, vppon conſideration and examination of the eſtate and diſpoſition of his ſayde yles, and the common wealthe of the ſame, hereafter to eſtabliſhe, ordeine and declare vnto them by his gracious letters patentes vnder his great ſeale: and that the ſayde letters patentes and euery thing therein to be contained, ſhall be of the ſame effect, ſtrength, and vertue, as if they had bene paſſed and enacted by auctozty of parliament, any thinge in the ſayd act contained to the contrary in any wyſe notwithstanding.

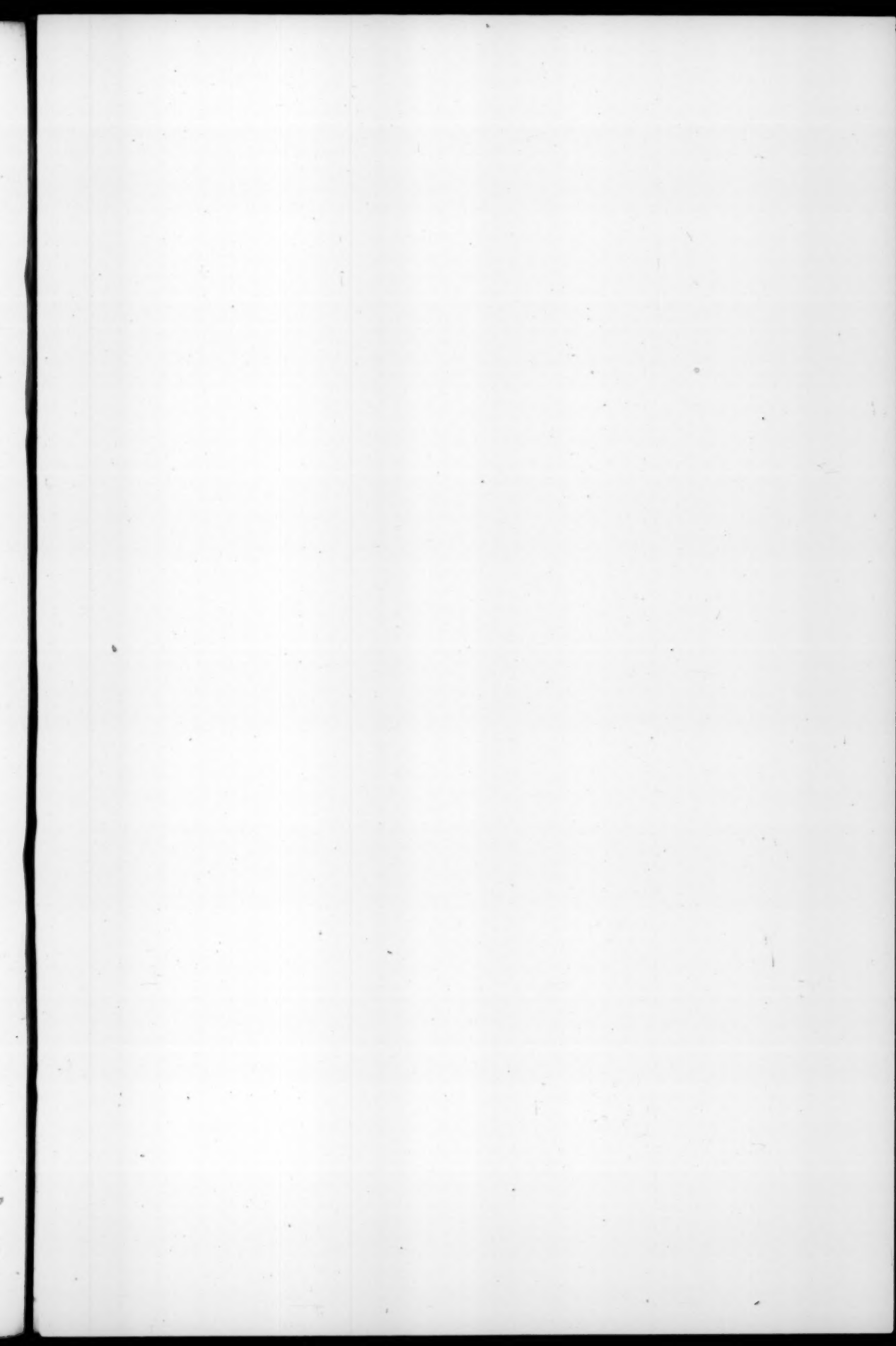
CAn acte for reſtitucion of the firſt fructes in time of vacation to the next incumbente. Cap. xi.

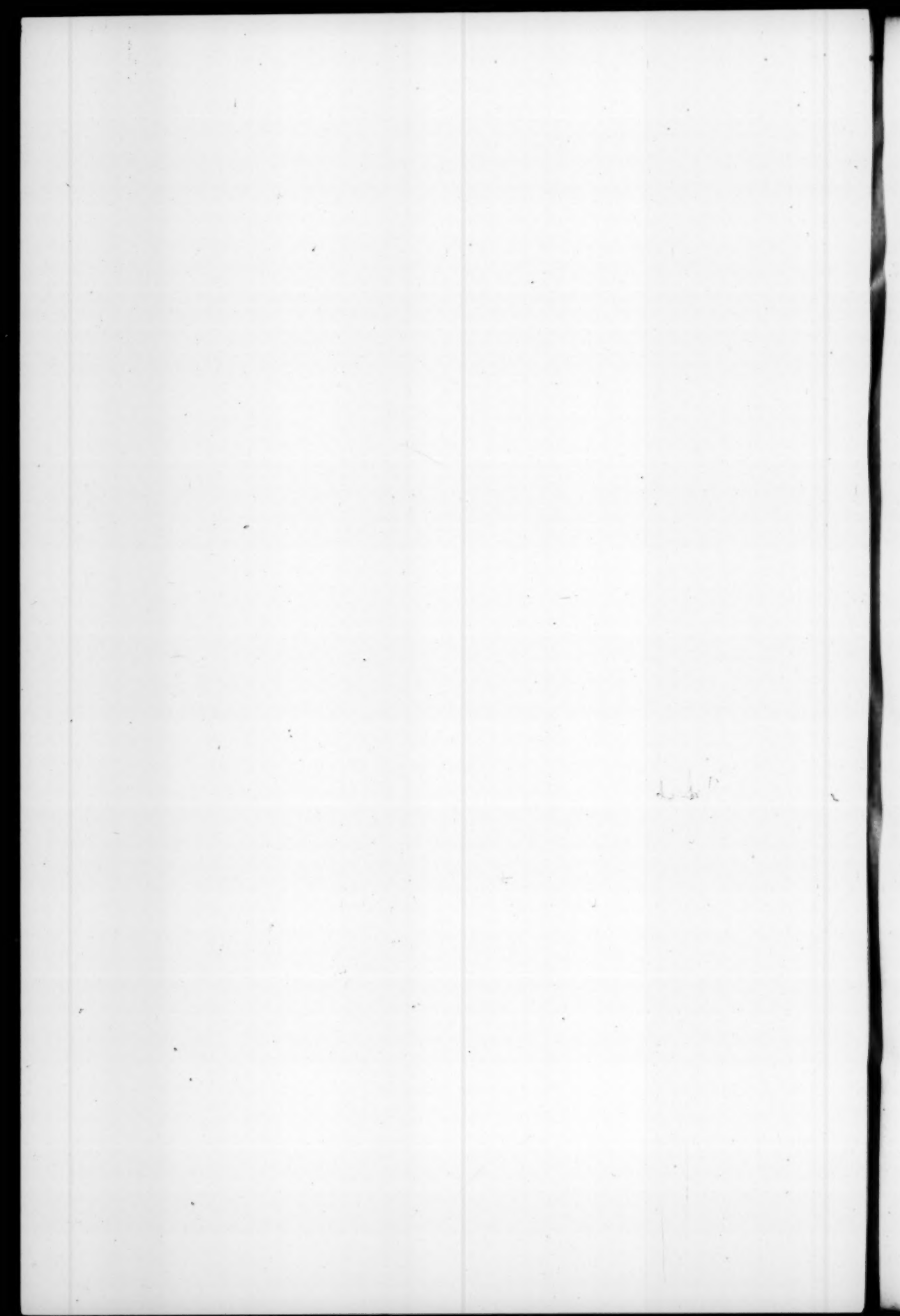


EOr as much as in the ſtatute of the payment vnto the kynges maieſty, his heyres and ſucceſſours, of the fyrſt fructes of ſpirituall promotions, offices, benefices, and dygnities within this realme, & other the kynges Dominions expreſſe mencion and declaratiō is not had ne made from what time the pere ſhall be accompted, in whiche the fyrſt fructes ſhall be due and payable to his highnes that is to witte, whether immediately from the death reſignation or deprivation of euery incumbent, or from the time of admiſſion or new taking of poſſeſſion in euery ſuche promotion. And alſo by reaſon that in y ſame ſtatute it is not declared, who ſhall haue the fructes, tiſhes and other profites of the ſayde benefices, offices, promotions and dignities ſpirituall, Durynge the tyme of vacation thereof, Dyuers of tharchebiſhoppes and biſhoppes of this realme, haue not onely when the time of perceiuyng and takinge of tythes (that is to ſay, woll, lambe, cozne, and hawe, and tiſhes vſually payed at the holy tyme of Eaſter) hath approached, differred the collation of ſuch benefices, as haue bene of their owne patronage, but alſo haue vpon preſentaciōs of clerkes made vnto them by the iuſte patrons, protracted, and deſerred to inſtitute, inducte, and admitte the ſame clerkes, to the entente that they mighte haue and perceiue to theyr owne uſe, the ſame tiſhes growynge durynge the vacation: So that throughe ſuche delays (ouer and aboue the fyrſt fructes, whiche be iuſtly dewe to the kynges highnes) they haue bene conſtrained alſo to loſe all or the moſt parte of one yeres profites of their benefices and promotions, and to ſerue the cure at theyr and theyr friends propre coſtes and charges, or vtterlye to forſake & giue ouer their benefices & promotions, to their great loſſe and hinderaunce. For reformation wherof, it is ordeyned and enacted by the kyng our ſoueraigne lord, with the aſſente of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall; and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the auctoztye of the ſame, that the ſayde
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pere, in whiche the firste frutes shall be payed to the kynges grace, shall beginne and be accompted immediately after the auoydaunce or vacation of any suche benefice or promotion spirituall afore rehered. And that the tithes, frutes, oblations, obuentions, emolumentes, commodities, aduantages, rentes, and all other what so euer reuenues, casualties, or profits certayne and vncertayne, afferyng or belonging to any archdeaconry, deantry, prebende, personage, vicarage, hospitall, wardenshpye, prouostshpye, or other spirituall promotion, benefice, dignite, or offyce, (chauntries onely except) within this realme, or other the kynges dominions, growinge, rysinge, or commynge, duryng the tyme of vacation of the same promotion spirituall, shall belonge and affere to suche person, as shall be therunto next presented, promoted, instituted, inducted or admitted, and to his executors, toward the paymente of the first frutes, to the kynges highnes, his heires and successours: Any vsage, custome, liberty, priuledge, or prescription to the contrary had vsed or beinge in any wyse notwithstandinge.

¶ And it is also enacted by thautozitie afore sayde, that if any archbishoppe, bishoppe, archdeacon, or dinarye, or any other person or persons to their vles and behoofe, at any time heretofore sith the first day of May last paste, haue perceiued, receiued, or taken, or at any time hereafter dooc perceiue, receiue, or take the frutes, tithes, obuentions, oblations, emolumentes, commodities, reuenues, rentes, aduantages, profits, or casualties, commynge, growinge, or belongynge, or whiche hereafter shall come, growe, affere, or belonge to any Archdeaconry, deantry, prebende, personage, vicarage, hospitall, wardenshpye, prouostshpye, or other spirituall promotion, benefice, dignite, or office (chauntries onely except) within this realme, or other the kynges dominions, duryng the vacation of such Archdeaconry, deantry, prebend, personage, vicarage, hospitall, wardenshpye, prouostshpye, or other spirituall promotion, benefice, dignite, or office, chauntries onely excepted. And the same vpon reasonable request from henceforthe to be made, doth not render, restore, satisfy, contente, and paye to the next Incumbente, beyng lawfully instituted, inducted or admitted to suche archdeaconry, deantry, prebende, personage, or vicarage, or other promotion, benefice, dignite, or office spirituall, except before excepted: or do let or interrupte the sayde incumbente to haue the same: that then every Archbishoppe, bishoppe, archdeacon, or dinarye, or other person so doyng shall forsaite and lose the treble value of so muche as he shall then haue receiued of the frutes of euery prebende, personage, vicarage, hospitall, wardenshpye, prouostshpye, or other spirituall promotion, whereof he so shall perceiue, receiue, or deteyne, lette, or interrupte the Incumbente, to perceiue, receiue, and haue the frutes, tithes, obuentions, oblations, emolumentes, commodities, reuenues, rentes, aduantages, profits, or casualties: The moyrte of whiche forsaiture shall be to the kyng our soueraygne lord, and the





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the other moſty thereof to the Incumbente of the ſame prebende, perſonage, or vicarage, or other ſpirituall promotion, to be recovered in anye of the kynges courtes by action, bille, playnte, informacion, or other wyſe, in which action or ſuite the defendaunte ſhall not be admitted to wage his law, nor any protection or eſſoyne ſhalbe vnto the defendaunt allowed.

¶ Provided alway, that it ſhalbe lawfull to every archbiſhop, biſhop archdeacon and ordenarye, theyr officers & myniſters, to retaine in his or their cuſtody, ſo much of the tythes, fruites, obuencions, oblations, emolumentes, commodities, aduantages, rentes, reuenues, casualtyes, and profites as ſhall amounte to paye vnto ſuch perſon or perſons, as hath or ſhall ſerue or kepe the cure of ſuch archdeaconry, deanry, prebende, perſonage, or vicarage, or other ſpirituall promotion, during the vacatiō, his or theyr reaſonable ſtipend, or ſalary. And alſo for the collection gatheringe and leuying of ſuch tythes, fruites, emolumentes, rentes and other profytes, ryſing and growinge duryng the vacation aforeſayde: any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyſe not withſtanding.

¶ Provided alſo, and be it further enacted by the auctoryty aforeſarde, that in caſe any of the incumbents aforeſaid, happen to dye, and before his death hath caſſed any of his glebe lands to be manured and ſowen at his proper coſtes and charges wpyth any coyne or grayne: & then in that caſe all and every of ſame incumbents may make & declare theyr teſtaments of al the profites of the coyne, growinge vpon the ſame glebe lands, ſo manured & ſowen: Any thing contayned in this preſent act in any wyſe not wpythſtanding.

And where alſo before this tyme diuers and many perſonnes, vicars, and other ſpirituall perſons, being leaſed, for terme of theyr liues, of and in the ſayde ſpirituall promotions afore named, as well for great ſummes of money to them before hand paid, as for other cauſes and conſideraciōs, haue let in ferme for terme of yeres, by ſufficient wytyngs, theyr ſayd perſonages, vicarages, and other ſpirituall promotions, or parte thereof, vnto diuers and manye of the kynges ſubiectes, and after ſuch leaſes by theym ſo made, the leaſours therof haue oftentimes vſed to reſigne theyr ſayd benefices or ſpirituall promotions, ſo demised and letten in ferme, by reaſon of which reſignacion and other the actes of the ſaid leaſours, the ſayde benefices and other ſpirituall promotions haue ben voyde, and the title and intereſtes of the ſaide leaſes, hath ben thereby adnichilate, and of none effect in the law, contrary to right and good conſcience. For reformation whereof, & for a quietnes the better hereafter to be had and continued betwene the kynges ſubiectes: Be it enacted by auctoryty of this preſent parliament, that from the ſoreſayd firſt day of Maye laſte paſte, no maner of ſuch leaſe, by ſufficiente wytynginge heretofore made, nor hereafter to bee made by anye ſpirituall perſon within this realme of Englande, wailes, or the marches of the ſame, to anye laye perſonne, of anye perſonage, vicarage, or other ſpirituall promotion aforeſayde wpythin this realme, vpon

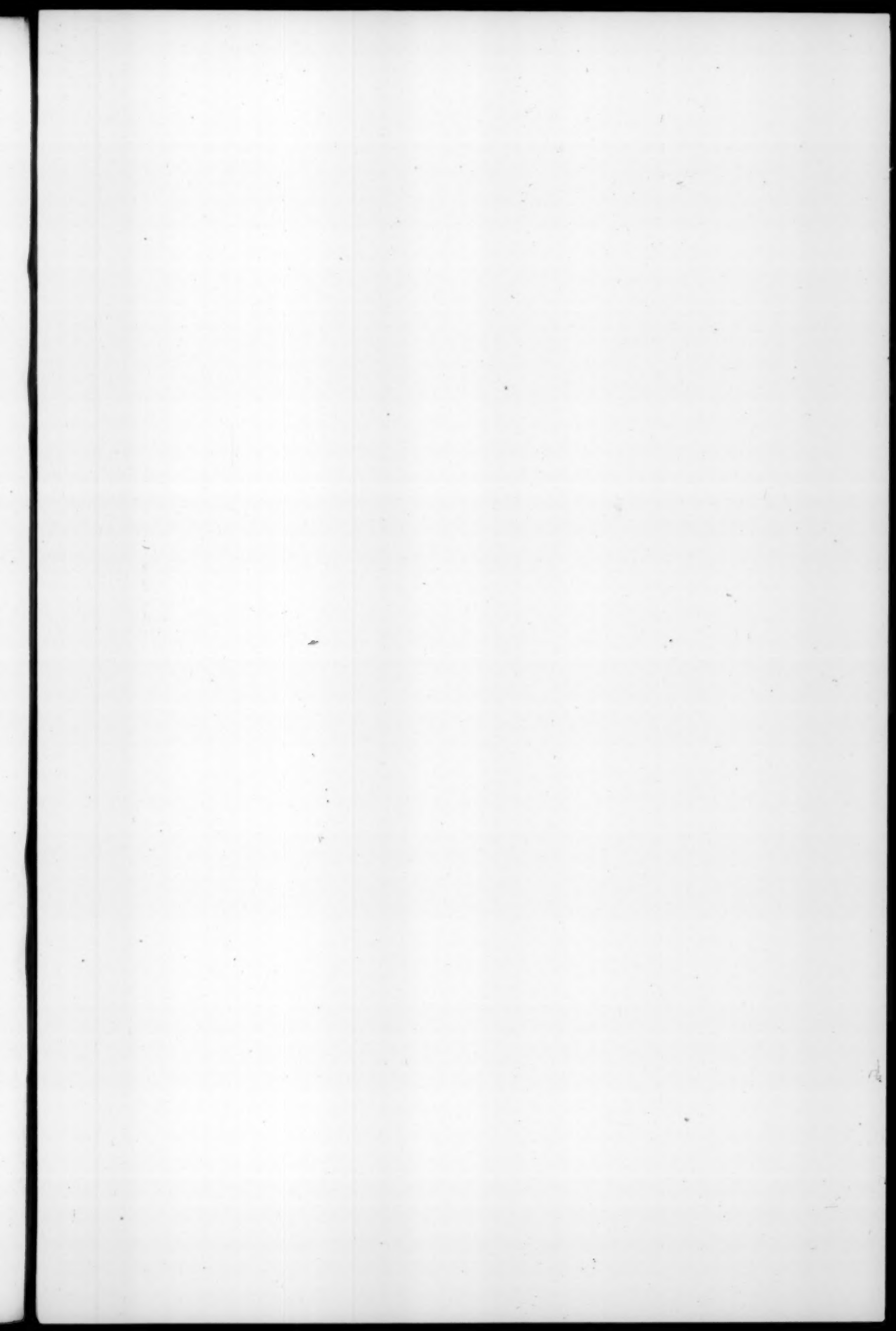
vpon which leasse the rent & seruices reserved, wyth other the yerely charges of the leasse, as in seruing the cure and other wyse, shall amount within forty shillings by the yere, of as much as the sayd personage, vicarage, or other spirituall promotion aforesayd, so letten, is rated and valewed at vppon the kinges bookes, for payinge the fyfste frutes, shall be adiudged by the adnichilate or determined, by reason of any such resignation or other auoydance of the sayd benefice or spirituall promotion so letten by the onely act of the sayd leassour, but that euery such lessee or grauntee of any such benefices or spirituall promotions aforesayde, theyr executors or assignes, shall haue and maye enioye theyr termes and interestes of and in the same, for the terme of sixe yeres to be accompted next and immediatly after the sayd auoydance, if the sayde leassour do so longe liue, and the lease so by him before made, do so long continue and endure. And that after such auoydaunce, the successour or successours of euery suche leassour shall and may distreine for the rente and seruices so reserved, and haue theyr actiōs of det and all other aduantages by way of action entree or other wyse, against the sayd lessee, his executors, or assignes, for recovery of the sayde rent and couenauntes vpon the sayd lease reserved, as the leassour therof might haue had, if no such auoydance had ben had.

And further be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that if hereafter it happen any such leassour to deceasse and dye before the ende of the terme by him so made, and that there be one yere at leasse to come of the sayde terme: that then it shall be lawfull to the lessee thereof, his executors or assignes, to holde and enioye theyr sayd lease to the ende of the same yere, wherein he is so entered at the tyme of his sayd leassours death, if his said lease do so long continue, bearing and paying vnto the successour of euery such leassour, all such rent and seruices, as for the remnaunte of the sayde yere, shall vpon euery such lease be due: for the recovery whereof the said successour shall and may haue all such wayes and aduantages, as before is limited & giuen to the successour, where his predecessour maketh such lease and resigneth.

Provided alway, that euery successour after the death of his predecessor, may and shall haue vpon one monethes warning after the tyme of his induction, the mansion house of euery suche personage, vicarage, or other spirituall promotion aforesayde, with the glebe belonging to the same not beinge sowen at the tyme of his sayd predecessours death, for maintenance of his household, deducting therfore in his rente as heretofore hath beene bozne for the same, or as it is reasonably worth: any thing in this sayde act conterned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alway, that if the frutes of the vacation of the sayd spirituall promotions be not sufficient to pay the curates stipende and wages for seruing the cure the vacation time, that then the same to be born and paid by the next incumbent within iiii. dayes next after that he hath the possession of the sayd promotions spirituall.

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An acte declarynge the limites of the kynges palace of
Westminster. Cap. xii.



As muche as the kynges palace at Westminster, buyl-
ded and edified there, before the tyme of mynde, by and
nigh vnto the monastery and abbey of saint Peter at West-
minster, in the countye of Middlesex, is and of longe tyme
hath bene in vnter ruine and decaye: And that our moste
graddesoueraigne lord kyng Henry the eight, kyng of
Englande and of fraunce, defendour of the faythe, lord of Irelande,
and Supreme head in earth of the Church of England, hath lately obte-
ned and purchased one great mansion place and house, sometyme parcell
of the possessions and inheritaunce of the Archebysshoppe of Dorke, sy-
tuare and beyng in the towne of Westminster, in the same countie, not
muche distaunt from the same auncient Palace. And the kynges highnes
notwe of late vppon the soyle of the sayde mansion place, and howse, and
vppon the grounde therunto adioynynge, moste sumptuously and cury-
ously hath builded and edified many and dystinct beautifull, costely and
pleasaunt lodgynge, buyldynge, and mansions, for his graces singular
pleasure, comfote, and commoditie, to the greate honour of his high-
nesse, and of his realme, thereunto adioynynge hath made a Parke,
walled and enuyronned with hycke and stone, and therein hath deuised and
orderned many and singuler commodious thinges, pleasures, and other
necessaries, moste apte and conueniente to apperteyne onely to so noble a
pryncce, for his singuler comfote, pastyme and solace: Be it therefore enac-
ted by the auctorite of this presente parliamente, that all the sayde soyle
grounde, mansion and buyldinges, and the sayde parke, with all other thin-
ges, comodities and pleasures theruppon made, builded and deuised, as
is aforesayde, and also the soyle of the sayde aunciente palace, shall be from
henceforth the kyngs hole palace at Westminster, and so to be taken demed
reputed, called & named the kynges palace at Westminster for euer. And that
the same palace shall from henceforth extend and be as well within the soyle
and place afoze limited and appointed for the same, as also in all the street
or waye leadinge from Charinge Crosse, vnto the sanctuary gate at West-
minster aforesayd, and in all the houses, buildinges, landes and tenementes
on bothe the sydes of the same street or waye fro the sayd Crosse vnto West-
minster halle, situate lyng or beyng betwene the water of the Thames
of the easse parte. and the sayde parke walle of the weste part and so forth
through all the soyle precincte and limites of the sayde olde palace.

And that the sayde palace nowe made by the auctorite of this acte, shall
from henceforth haue and enioye within the precincte, limites, and bon-
des before expressed and declared of and for the same, all suche and lyke
prerogatives, liberties, preeminences, iurisdiccions, and priuileges, as
to the kynges auncient palace within this realme. haue at any tyme here.

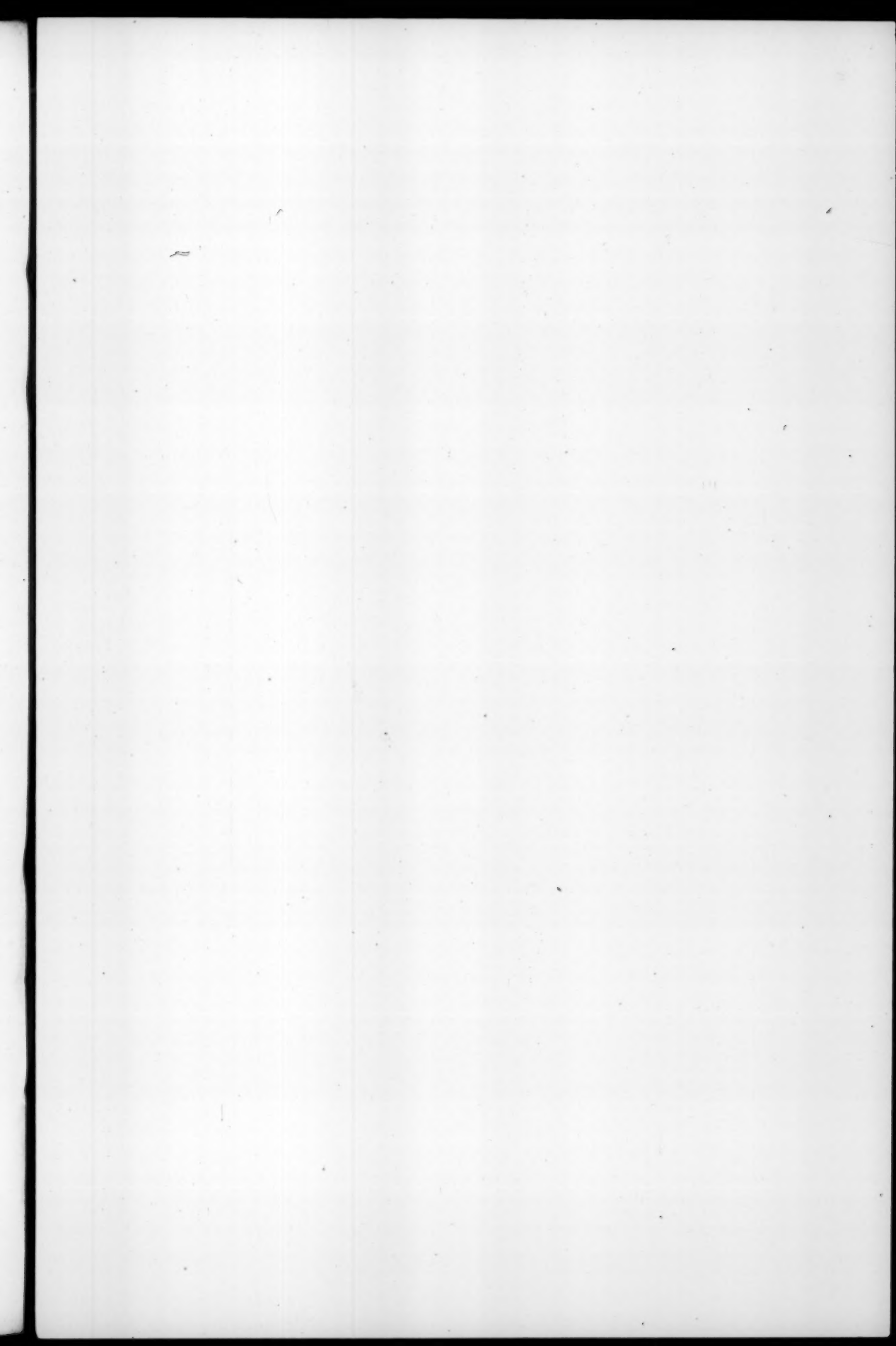
to foze belonged bled oꝝ of ryght apperteyned. And that the same olde and auncient palace of westminster from hēssforth be reputed demed and taken only as a member & parcel of the sayd newe palace: made by this act, as is aforesayd: any prescription recorde oꝝ vsage heretofore had bled oꝝ allowed to the contrary notwithstanding. Sawinge to all and synguler person & persons, bodies politike and corporate, their heyres and successours, and euery of the, al such right, title, interest, possession, rentes, reuercion, remainder, distresse, action, lease, leases, graūtes, annuities, suites, petitions & condicions, in suche maner and forme as they oꝝ any of them, their heires and successours, oꝝ the heires and successours of any of them, haue had, should myght oꝝ ought to haue had in the premisses oꝝ any parcel therof, if this act had neuer bene had ne made: any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

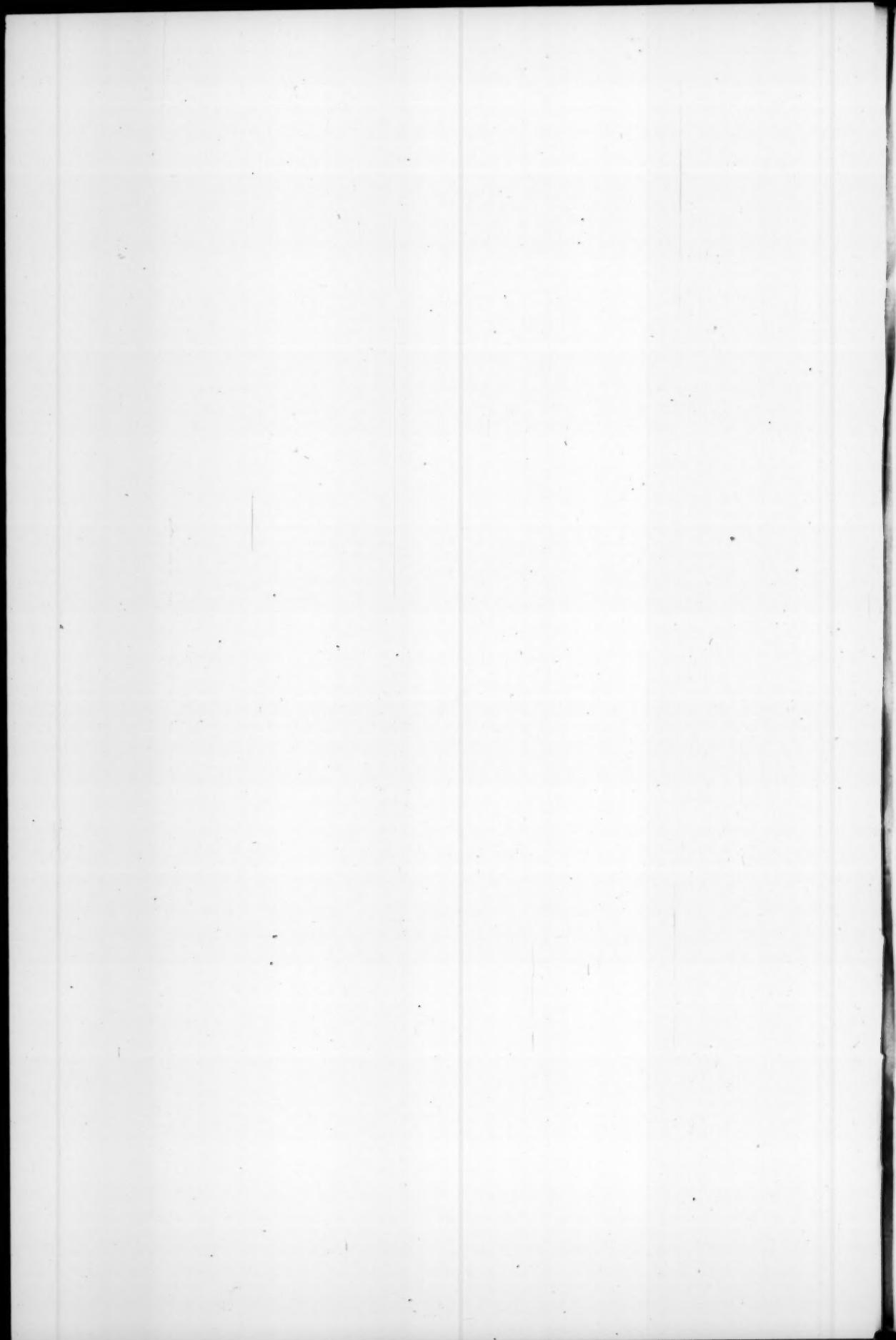
Prōvided alwaies that this present act, noꝝ any thing therein contained be in any wise preiudiciall oꝝ hurtfull to William Babynghon, keeper of our olde palace of westminster, his heyres noꝝ assignes, foꝝ oꝝ cōcerning his said office, but it shalbe lawfull to the sayde William Babynghon, his heyres and assignes, to haue, holde, occupie, exercise, and enioye the sayde offyce of keper of the sayd palace at westminster, with all commodities, profytes, aduantages, and other emolumentes, rylyng oꝝ growinge of the same office, in as large and ample maner as if this presente acte had not beene made: Any thyng in this presente acte to the contrary heretofore notwithstanding.

**An acte compellyng spirituall persons to keepe residence
vppon their benefices. Capitulo. xiii.**



Where in the parliament begun at London, the thyrde daye of Nouembꝛe, in the .xxi. yere of the reygne of our soueraigne lord king Henry the. viii. & from thence adioyned and prōloged to the palais of westminster, the .xvii. day of Decēbꝛe thā next ensuing, amongest other good acts and ordinaunces, then and ther by thautozity of the said parliament, it was established, ordeined, & enacted, that as wel euery spirituall persō, thē being promoted to any archdeaconry deanry oꝝ dignitie in any monastery oꝝ cathedrall church, oꝝ other churche conuentuall oꝝ collegiall, oꝝ being beneficed with any personage oꝝ vicarage, as al and euery spirituall person & persōs, which should after the feast of saint Mychaell tharchangell, whiche was in the foresaide .xxi. yere of the reigne of our sayde soueraigne lord kinge Henry the. viii. bee promoted to any of the said dignities oꝝ benefices with any personage oꝝ vicarage, should frō the sayde feast of saincte Mychaell tharchaungell, be personally residente and abidyng at and vpon his said dignitie prebende oꝝ benefice, oꝝ at one of them at the lease. And in case any such spirituall person, at any time after the





the sayd feaste, kepthe not residence at one of hys sayd dignities prebend or benefices (as is aforesayd) but absent himselfe wilfully by the space of one moneth together, or by the space of two monethes, to be accompted at severall tymes in any one yere, and make his residence & abydinge in any other places by such time: that then he shal forsayte for every suche default x. li. sterling, as in the same acte more plainly doth appeare. In which acte amonge other provisions contayned and specified in the same, it was provided, that the sayde acte of none residence should not in any wyse extend ne bee prejudiciall to any scholer or scholers, beinge conuersaunte and abyding for studye wythout fraude or couyne at any Uniuersity wythin this realme or wythoute, as by the same provision doth also appeare more at large. Sythens the makynge of which good acte and statute, diuers and many persons, beinge beneficed wyth cure of soule (as is aforesayde) and beinge not apte to studye, by reason of theyr age or otherwyse, ne neuer intendinge before the makinge of the sayd act to trauaile in studye wythin any of the sayd Uniuersities for the encrease of learning, but rather mynding and intendinge theyr owne ease singuler lucre & pleasure, by y^e same prouiso colourably to defraude the same good statute & ordinaunce, do daily & commonly resort & repayre to the sayd Uniuersities of Oxford & Cambridge, and to either of them, where they vnder the sayd pretence & colour of studye doth continue and abyde, lyving dissolutely, nothinge profytinge themselves by studye at al in learning, but consume the time in idleness, and in other pastimes and insolente pleasures, gyuinge occasion and euill example thereby to other yong men and students wythin the sayd Uniuersities, little or nothing regarding theyr cure and charge of soule, contrarie to the myndes and intente of the makers of the foresayd good statute and ordinaunce. And also dyuers and many old beneficed men haue & do continually remaine there, neuer exercysinge nor practysinge theyr learninge, to the example of vertue and maintenaunce of the common weale, in discharge of theyr conscience, according to theyr duty, hauing neuertheles and occupyinge such romes and commodities, as were institute and ordained for y^e maintenaunce and reliefe of poore scholers, to the great hinderaunce & detriment of the same. Be it therfore enacted by the king our soueraigne lord wyth the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and y^e commons in this present parliament assembled, that all & singuler spirituall person and persons, which now bee or hereafter shall be to any benefyce or benefices promoted as is aforesayd, beinge aboue the age of xl. yeres, the chancellour, byecchancellour, commissary of the said vniuersities, or any of them, wardens deanes, prouostes, presidentes, rectours, maisters, principals, & other head rulers of colledges, halles, and other houses or places corporat within the sayd Uniuersities, or any of them, doctours of y^e chaire, reders of diuinity in the comon scholes of diuinity, in any of y^e said Uniuersities onely excepted, shalbe residēt & abyding at & vpon one of theyr said benefices, according to the entent & true meaning of the sayd former act, vpon such paine and

penalties, as be conteyned in the sayd former act, made and appointed for such beneficed persons for theyr none residence. And that none of the sayd beneficed persons, beinge aboue the age aforesayd, except before except, shal from hensforth be excused of theyr none residence vpon the sayd benefices for y they be studentes or resiaunt wythin the sayd Uniuersities or any of them, any prouiso, or any other clause or sentence, specified or contayned in the sayd former acte of none residence, or any other thinge or things to the contrary hereof in any wyse not wythstanding.

And ouer this be it enacted by thaurtozity beforesayde, that all a singular, such beneficed persons beinge vnder the age of xl. yeares, resiant and abyding wythin the sayde Uniuersities, or any of them, shal not enioy y priuiledge a liberty of none residence conteyned in y prouiso of y said former acte, made for the scholers a studentes of the sayde Uniuersities or any of them, vnles he or they be present at the ordinary lecture a lectures, as wel at home in theyr houses as in the common schole or scholes: a in theyr proper persons kepe sophemes, problemes, disputacions, and other exercises of learning, a be apponent and respondent in the same, according to the ordinaunces and statutes of eyther of the sayd Uniuersities, where he or they shalbe so abyding or resiant, any thing contayned in the said prouiso or former acte to the contrary not wythstanding.

Prouiided alway that this act shal beginne to take effect at the feast of S. Michael tharchangell next comming, and not before.

Prouiided alway, that this act, nor any thing therein conteyned, shal extend to any person or persons, which now is or hereafter shalbe readers of anye publique or common lecture in diuinity, lawe ciuile, phisicke, philosophy, humanity, or of anye of the liberall sciences, or publique or common interpretours or teachers of y Hebreu tongue, Caldey, or Greeke, in what soeuer colledge or place of any of the sayd vniuersities the sayd persons for the time being, shal reade the said common or publique lectures: Nor yet to any person or persons, which after or about the age of xl. yeres, which shall resorte to any of the sayde Uniuersities to proceede doctours in diuinity, lawe ciuile, or phisicke, for the tyme of theyr procedinges, and executing of such Sermons disputacions or lectures, which they be bound by the statutes of the Uniuersities there to do for the sayde Degrees so obteyned.

An acte lymiting the pryces of wynges. Cap. xliij.



It enacted by thaurtozity of this presēt parliament, y no person or persons shal sell any Galtayne Guyon or Frēch wynges aboue viij. d. the galon, that is to saye, a peny the pint, two pence the quart, foure pence the potell, and viij. pence the galon. vpon payne of forfaiture for euery pinte to be sold aboue the sayd pryce iij. d. and for euery quart sold aboue the sayd pryce viij. d. and for euery pottel so sold aboue the said pryce xij. d.

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xii. d. And for every galon so solde above the sayde price afore limited. ii. s. And that no Malmeseys, Romneys, sackes, or other sweete wines shall be sold by retayle above, xii. d. the galon. vi. d. the potell. iiii. d. the quarte and. i. d. ob the pynte, vpon payne to lose and forsayte. iiii. s. iiii. d. for every galon or d. for every portell. xii. d. for every quart, and. vi. d. for every pynte, that shall be solde contrary to this acte.

¶ Provided alway, that the lord Chancellor, lord Treasurer, lord President of the kynges moste honourable counsaile, lord pryncie scale, and the two chiefe Justices of eyther benche, or. v. iiii. or. iii. of them, shall have power and auctoritie by their discrecions, to sette the prices of all kynde of wyynes, that is to say, of the pyces of the butte, tonne, pype, hoggeshed, poncheon, teers, barrill, or rundle, when it shall be solde in grosse, so that they or any of them cause the prices by the set to be written, & open proclamation therof to be made in the kings court of Chancery openly in the terme tyme, or elles in the citie borough or towne, where any such wyynes shall be sold in grosse: any thinge contained in this acte to the contrary hereof notwithstandinge.

¶ And it is further enacted, that if any person or persons, after such prices be set and put in writynge by the sayd lord Chauncellour, lord treasurer lord president of the kynges most honourable counsaile, lord pryncie scale, and the. ii. chiefe iustices, or by. v. iiii. or. iii. of them, and proclamation therof had (as is aforesayd) do sell any wyynes in grosse by any fraude or covyn, contrary to the sayde prices so sette and proclaymed: that then euery offendour in that behalfe shall lose and forsayte for euery vesselle by them solde in grosse contrary to the sayd prices. xl. s. the one halfe of all which forsaytures to be to the kyng our soueraygne lord, and the other halfe therof, if it be within any city borough or towne corporate, to be to the mayres, sheryffes, bayliffes, or other head rulers of such cities boroughes or townes corporate. And if it be without citie, borough, or towne corporate, than to be to suche of the kynges subiectes as wyl sue for the same. And that euery suche forsayture shall be recovered by originall writ of Debt, byll, playnt, or information. In which sute no wager of lawe shall be admitted, nor any protection or essoyne allowed.

¶ And it is also enacted, that the iustices of peace in every shyre of this present realme, and all mayres, sheryffes, bayliffes and other head officers in cities, boroughes and townes corporate, that is to say, euery of them within the limittes of theyr commissions and auctorities, as well within franchises as without, shall haue power and auctoritie to examine here inquire & determine the defaultes of such as shall attempt to sell any wyynes in grosse or by retayle contrary to this acte, and to punish the offendours by imprisonment or other wise by their discrecions.

¶ And where as in the parliament holden at westmynster in the first yere of the reigne of king Rycharde the thyrde, among other thynges it was established, ordeyned, and enacted, that euery tonne of wyne shoulde conteyne

CCliij. galons, euery butte of Malmeſey ſhould conteyne. Cxxvi. galons, euery pype Cxxvi. galons, euery tercyan or poncheon, lxxxiij. galons, euery hogges head, lxxij. galons, euery teerce xli. galons, and euery barrell. cxxi. galons and di. and euery rondenlet xviij. gallons and di. And that no veſſel ſhould be put to ſale, till it were gauged, vppon payne of forſayture, as by the ſame ſtatute it doth appere moze at large. Neuertheleſſe great diſcrete is daily vſed in ſelling of wyne and oyles in caſkes and veſſells, not bearing the contentes aboue limited, to the greate loſſe of the kynges pooze ſubiectes. For remedy wherof, it is enacted by thautoxity of this preſente parliament, that the ſayd ſtatute made in the fyrſt yere of kyng Richard the 2. and al other ſtatutes heretofore made for the true gauging & meaſuring of wyne, oyles, hony, or any other lycours, which ſtatutes afore this tyme be not repelled nor cryped, ſhal ſtand in theyr ſtrength and vertue, and be put in due execution, according to theyr tenours and effectes in euery behalfe.

And ouer that be it enacted by thautoxity of this preſent parliamente, that euery gauger wythin this realme ſhall trulye and effectually wythin the limittes of his offyce, gauge all the ſayde tunnes, buttes, pypes, terces, poncheons, tercians, barrelles, hogges heades and rundlettes, and ſhall plainly and truly marke vppon the head of euery ſuch veſſell the contente of the ſame, vppon peine to forſaite to the party, to whoſe vſe the wyne, oyle, or other thing therein being ſhalbe ſold, ſoure times the value of that that the veſſell ſo marked ſhall lacke of his lawſul content aboue wytten: the ſame forſayture to be recouered ouer and beſydes the coſtes of the ſute, by the kynges originall writte, or by byll in any of the kynges courtes of his common lawes, or in any competent courte, hauing iuryſdiction in the place where that offence ſhalbe comitted, by action or byll of Def, in which action or ſute, none eſſoyne, protection, nor wager of law ſhalbe accepted admitted or allowed to the defendat or defendantes. And that euery marchaunt or other perſon, ſellyng the ſaid wyne oyle, or other thing cōteyned in the ſaid veſſell marked, ſhall allow of the price thereof to the byer of the ſame, for euery quantite of wyne, oyle, or other thing contained in the ſayde marked veſſell, the full value of the lacke thereof, beinge by reaſon of Default of full gauge of the veſſell marked, or of Default of ſpyllinge of the ſame veſſell, or by reaſon of Defaute of anye of theym, after the rate of the whole price of the wyne, oyle, or other thing ſo beinge ſolde by that veſſell marked: and that vppon payne of forſayture to the ſame byer the Double value of the ſame veſſell and wyne, oyle, or other thing therein being ſo ſold: the ſame forſayture to bee recouered together with the coſtes of the ſute, in maner and ſourme as the forſayture laſte befoze wytten is limited to be recouered.

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An acte for punishment of pyrotes & robbers
on the sea. Cap. xv.



Where traytours, pyrotes, theues, robbers, murtherers, and confederatours vpon the sea, many times escaped unpunished, bycause the triall of their offences hath heretofore bene ordered iudged and determined before the admyrall or hys liuetenant or commissarie, after the course of the ciuile lawes, the nature wherof is, y before any iudgement of death can be given against the offendours, eyther they muste playnely confesse their offences (which they will neuer do without torture or paynes) or els their offences be so playnly and directly proued by witnes indifferent, such as sawe their offences committed, whiche can not be gotten but by chaunce at fewe times bycause suche offendours committe their offences vppon y sea, and at many times murder and kille such persons, beyng in the shippe or bote, where they commit their offences, whiche should witnesse agaynst them in that behalfe, and also suche as shoulde beare witnes be commonly mariners and shippe men, which bycause of theyr often viages and passages in the seas, depart without longe taryeng and prdtraction of time, to the great costes and charges, as well of the kynges hyghnes as suche as woulde pursue suche offendours. For reformation wherof, be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliamente, that all treasons, felonies, robberies, murders, and confederacies hereafter to be committed in or vppon the sea, or in any other haven riuer creke or place, where the admirall or admiralles haue or pretende to haue power auctoritey or iurisdiction, shall be inquired, tried, harde, determined and iudged in suche shypes and places in the realme, as shalbe limited by the kynges commission or commissions to be directed for the same, in like foute and condicion as if any such offence or offences had bene committed or done in or vpon the lande, and such commissions shall be had vnder the kynges great seale directed to the admirall or admiralles, or to his or their liuetenant, deputy and deputies, and to iii. or.iiii. such other substantiall persons, as shall be named or appointed by the lord Chauncellour of England. for the tyme beyng, from time to time and as ofte as neede shall require, here and determine suche offences, after the common course of the lawes of this land, vled for treasons, felonies, robberies, murders, and confederacies of the same done and committed vpon the lande within this realme.

And be it enacted by the auctoritey aforesayde, that suche persons, to whom such commission or commissions shall bee directed, or.iiii. of them at the least, shall haue full power and auctoritey to enquire of such offences and of euery of them, by the othes of twelue good and lawfull inhabitantes in the shype limited in their commission: in suche like maner & fource, as if suche offences had beene committed vppon the lande within the same shype. And that euery inditement founde and presented before such com-

commissioners of any treasons, felonies, robberies, murders, or slaughters, or such other offences, committed or done, in or vppon the seas, or in or vppon any other haue, riuer, or creke, shalbe good and effectual in the law. And if any person or persons happen to be indicted for any such offence done or hereafter to be done vpon the seas, or in any other place aboue limited: that the such order, processe, iudgemēt and execution shalbe vsed had done and made to and against euery such person and persons, so beinge indicted as against traytours, felons, and murderers, for treason, felony, robbery, murder, or other such offences done vpon the lande, as by the lawes of this realme is accustomed. And that the triall of such offence or offences, if it be denied by the offendour or offendours, shall be had by twelue lawfull men, inhabited in the shyre limited within such commission, which shall be directed as is aforesayd, and no challenge or challenges to be had for the hundred. And such as shall be conuict of any such offence or offences, by verdict confession or processe, by auctoritie of any such commission, shall haue and suffre such paynes of death losses of landes, goods, and cattalles, as if they had ben attainted and conuicted of any treasons, felonies, robberies, or other the sayd offences, done vpon the lande.

¶ And be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that for treasons, robberies, felonies, murders, & confederacies done vpon the sea or seas, or any place aboue rehered, the offendours shall not be admitted to haue the benefit of his or their clergie, but be vtterly excluded therof and from the same, and also of the priuilege of any sanctuarie.

¶ Provided alway, that this acte extende not to be prejudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons for takyng any victayle, gables, ropes, ankets, or sayles, which any such person or persons compelled by necessitie taketh of or in any shippe, which may coueniently spare the same, so the same person or persons pay out of hande for the same victayle, gables, ropes, ankets, or sayles, money, or money worthe, to the value of the thyng so taken, or to deliuer for the same a sufficient bill obligatorie to be payed in fourme folowynge, that is to say, if the takyng of the same thinges be on this side the straites of Harroke, then to be payed within iiii. monethes. And if it be beyond the sayde straites of Harroke, then to be payed within xii. monethes next ensuynge the makynge of such billes. And that the makers of such billes well and trewely paye the same debte at the day to be limited within the sayde billes.

¶ Provided alway, that whan soeuer any such commission for the punishment of the offences aforesayde, or of any of them, shall be directed or sente to any place within the iurisdiction of the five portes that then euery such commission shall be directed vnto the lord warden of the saide portes for the time being, or to his deputy, and vnto three or foure such other person or persons, as the lord Chauncellour for the tyme being shall name and appoynt: Any thyng in this presente acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Provided alway, that whan soever any commission shalbe directed vnto the five portes, for the inquisition and trialles of any of the offences, expressed in this act, that every such inquisition and trial to be had by vertue of suche commission shalbe made and had by the inhabitantes in the sayde five portes or the members of the same: any thinge in this acte to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

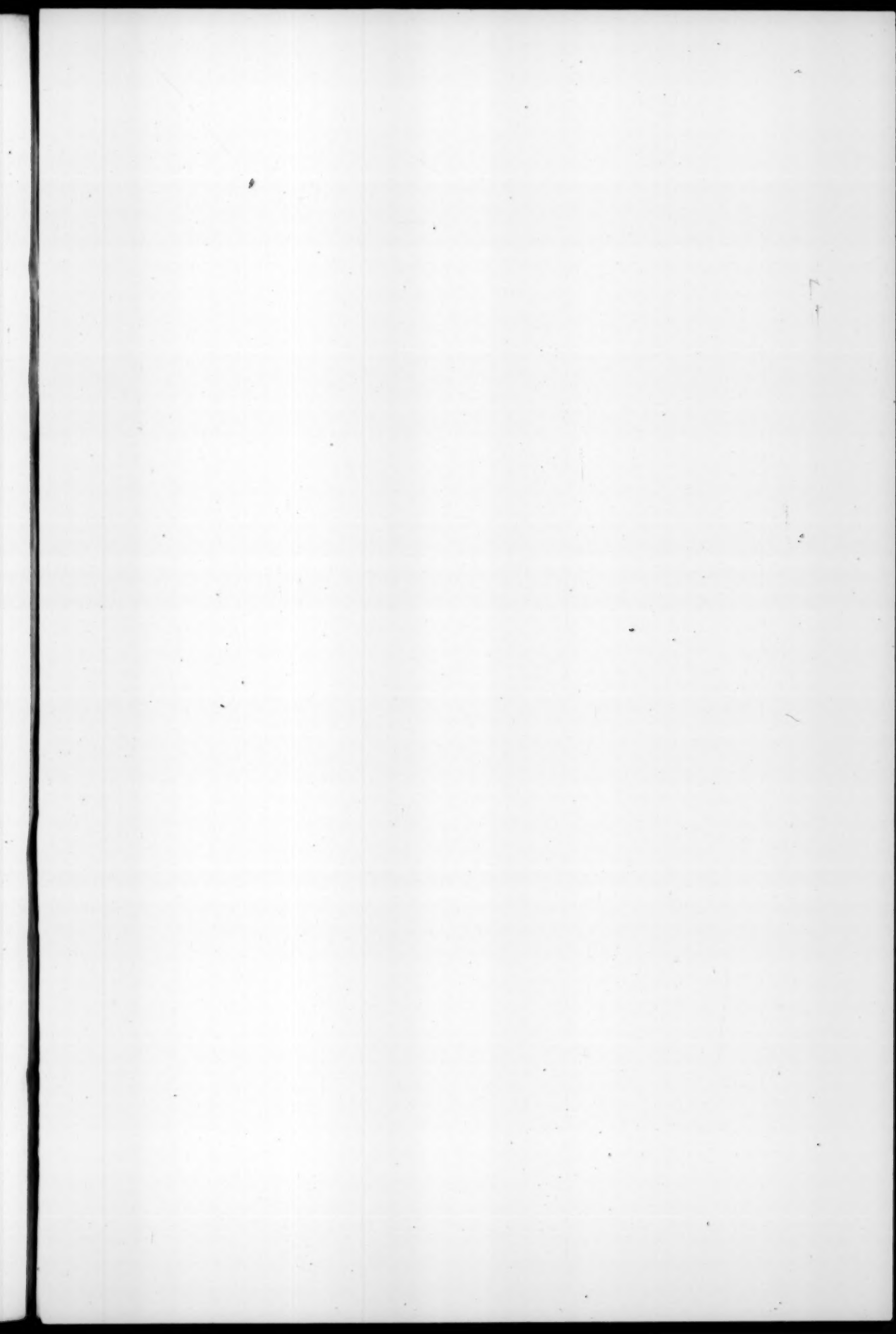
An acte for the release of such as haue obtayned pretended
licences and dispensations from the see of
Rome. Cap. xvi.

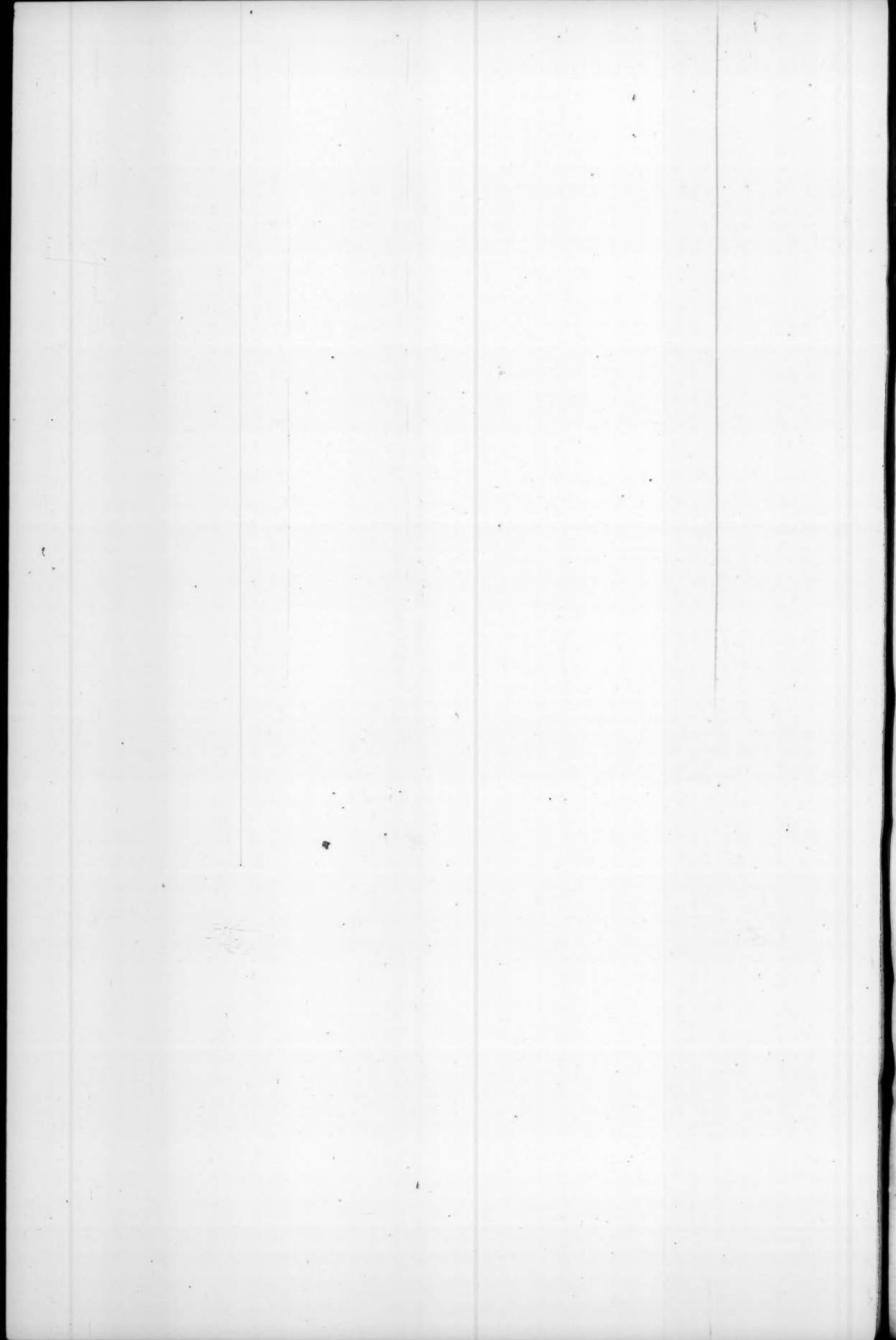


Where the bishop of Rome and hys predecessours, of his and theyr couetous & ambitious minde, to the intent to aduaunce and enrich themselues & the see of Rome, to the greate empouerishing of this realme of England, & other the kinges dominions, contrary to Gods law, the lawes & statutes of this realme, and in derogation of the imperiall crowne of this sayd realme, haue heretofore wrongfully pretended, extorted, vsed, and exercised wythin the same diuers and many vsurped powers, iurisdiccions, & auctorities, during & by the which tyme the sayd bishop & hys predecessours, arrogantly and vniustly haue taken vpon them for great sommes of money and other profites to them giuen, to graunte vnto the kyngs subiects, & other inhabitantes wythin this realme, and other the kinges dominions, many diuers and sondry auctorities, immunities, facultes, priuileges, licences, indulgences & preeminences, of diuers kynds natures & qualites: which although they proceeded by an vniust & vsurped auctorite, haue been vnto now of late by the subiectes of this realme temerously and ignozantly accepted, receyued, vsed, and erroneously put in exercise & execution: the which vsurped auctorite iurisdiction and power is nowe iustly, truly, and ought to be clearly and absolutely extinguisht extirped and abolyshed wythin this realme and other the kynges dominions. And for as much as all and every such person and persons bodies politike and corporate, which vnlawfully and wythout any maner of auctorite or iust grounde, heretofore haue temerously and ignozantly accepted, receyued vsed & erroneously put in execution & exercise the sayd facultes, immunities auctorities, priuiledges, licences, indulgences & preeminences, haue now sincere, pure, & perfitt intelligence and knowledge of the sayde vsurped auctorite, iurisdiction and power: And that the said facultes auctorities, priuiledges, licences, & indulgences, so as is aforesayd accepted, receyued, vsed, and erroneously exercised, were and ben to all intentes & purposes, clearly voyde, frustrate, and of none effect. All be it if they should be impeached or interrupted of such priuiledges, libertyes, preeminences, auctorities, iurisdiccions, profites & other commodities, which they now haue vse and exercise by colour of such vayne and voyde licences, dispensations and facultes,

ties, it should be to their intollerable inquietations and vtter vndoing. wherfore be it enacted by auctozity of this present parliament, that al bulles, breues, faculties, & dispensations, of what names natures or qualites soeuer they be of, heretofore had or obtained of the bishoppe of Rome, or of any his predecessours, or by the auctozity of the see of Rome, by or to anye subiectes resiauntes or bodyes politike or corporate of or in this realme, or of or in anye other the kinges dominions, shall from henseforth be clerelye voide and of no value, force, strengthe nor vertue, and shall neuer hereafter be vsed admitted allowed, pleaded or alledged in any places or courtes of this realme, or of any other the kinges dominions, bypon the pynes contained in the statute of prouision and premunire, made in the xvi. yere of y^e reigne of king Richarde the seconde, yet not wthstandinge at the moste humble petition and intercession of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliamēt assembled, it may please the kings maiesty, of his moste gracious benignity, goodnes and blessed disposition that it may be enacted by auctozity of this parliament, that all mariages, had and solemnised wthin this realme, or in any other the kinges dominions, before the third day of Nouember, in the xxvi. yere of y^e kinges moste gracious reigne, wherof there is no deuozce or seperation had by the Ecclesiastical lawes of this realme, & which mariages be not prohibited by gods lawes, limited and declared in the act made in this present parliament for the stablishmente of the kinges succession, or otherw^{ise} by holy scripture, shall be by auctozity of this present parliament good lawfull and effectuell and shall be from the beginning of such mariages reputed, esteemed, taken, adiudged, receyued, approued and allowed by the auctozity of this present parliament, to al and singuler purposes, effectes and ententes, as good, as sufficient and as vailable, as though no impediment of matrimony had euer ben betwene them that haue contracted and solemnised such mariages: And that all children procreated & to be procreated in and vnder suche mariages, shall be lawfull to all intentes and purposes.

And that it maye be also enacted by the auctozity of this present parliamente, that all archbishoppes and bishoppes of this realme, or of anye the kinges dominions consecrated, and at this present time taken and reputed for archbishops and bishops, may by auctozity of this presente parliamente and not by vertue of any prouision or other forreine aucthozity, licence, faculty or dispensation, keepe, enioy, and retaine theyr archbishopricks & bishopricks, in as large & ample maner, as if they had ben promoted, elected, confirmed and consecrated, accordinge to the due course of y^e lawes of this realme. And that euery archbishoppe and bishoppe of this realme, and of other the kinges dominions, may minister, vse, and exercise all and euerye thing & thinges, pertayning to thoffice or order of an archbishop & bishop, wth all tokens insignes and ceremonies therunto lawfully belonging. And that all ecclesiastical persons of the kinges realme & dominions, which at this time be taken had and reputed for abbottes, priours, abballes, prio-





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resses, and other heedes of religion (whiche be not nother shall be excluded from their dignities by the late acte of suppression) and the religious persons living vnder their obedience, and all persons now taken and reputed as maisters, presidentes, prouostes, and wardens of cathedrall churches and colleges, with the companies and felowshippes of the same, all preestes and clarkes, whiche haue receiued any of the ecclesiasticall orders, all archdeacons and deanes, and other hauing offices, cures and dignities spirituall, may by auctority of this acte, and not by the vertue of any sovereyne power or auctority, administer, vse and exercise all thinges pertainyng to their dignities, offices, orders, cures, religions and felowshippes, and may lawfully hereafter vse all tokens, insignes, and ceremonies, which they haue ben accustomed to vse in times past (so it be not expresse against the lawes of god and this realme any thyng or thinges contained in any acte or actes made sithen the beginning of this present parliament to the contrary of any the premisses in any wise notwithstandinge.

¶ And where diuers and many of the kynges saide subiectes haue purchased and obtained many dispensacions, bulles, breues, and faculties of þe byshoppe of Rome for the time beyng, or by auctority of the see of Rome, as pluralities, vnions, trialities, appropriations, commendams, exemptions, and other bulles, breues, and faculties, for diuers causes & matters, other than be afoze expessed, which be of no strength or vertue, it may therfore please the kynges maiestie, that it may be enacted by auctorite aforesayde that all and euery his sayd subiectes during the time of one hole yere nexte after the feast of saint Michaell the archaungell nexte commynge, maye enioy vse and haue by auctorite of this present acte, and not by the vertue of the said bulles, breues, and faculties, all and euery the effectes conteyned & specified in such bulles, breues, & faculties, in all suche cases only as may be dispensed with, by the archbishop of Canterbury, by auctorite of þe lawes and statutes of this realme.

¶ And that it may be further enacted by auctority aforesayde, that all and euery the kynges sayde subiectes, bringyng, tenderyng, and deliueyringe to such persons of his counceyl, or of the maisters of his chauncery, as þe kynges highnes shall name and appoint, any bulles, breues, or any other faculties, concernyng any the premisses: that then if it shall appere to such persons, as the kynges highnes shall so name and appoint to receiue such bulles, faculties and breues, after due examination therof had, that the effectes conteyned and specified in such bulles, faculties and breues, or any part therof, may be lawfully graunted by the sayde archebyshoppe of Canterbury, by auctority of the lawes and statutes of this realme: that then and in euery such case the kynges sayde subiectes, makinge humble suite to haue the effectes conteyned in the said bulles, breues, and faculties to be graunted vnto them, shall haue receiue and obteyne of the chauncellour of England or keper of the great seale for the time beyng, by sufficient wytyng in due forme to be made, and to be sealed vnder the kynges great seale, al and euerye

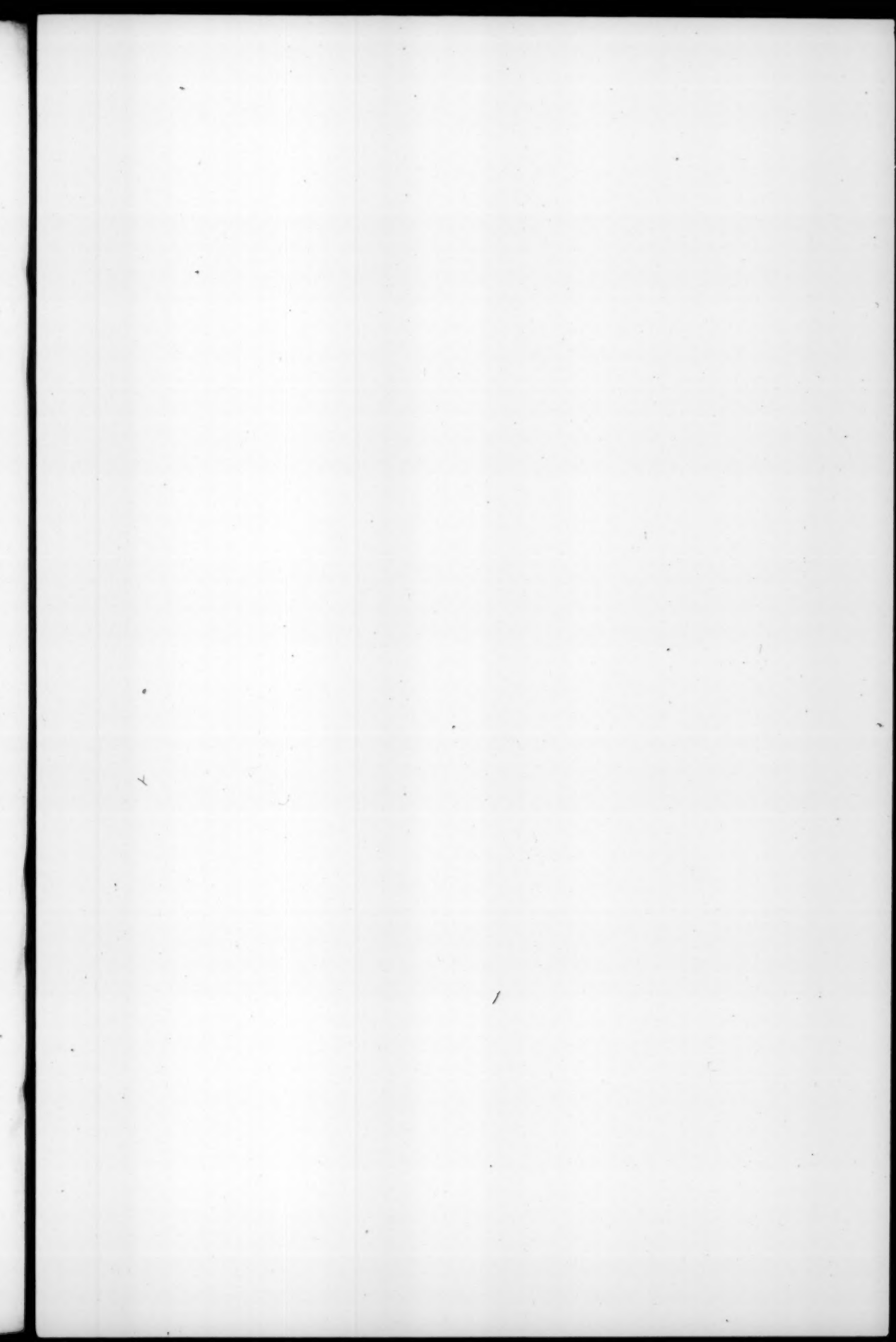
nerly such effectes contained and specified in such bulles, breues, and faculties, as may be lawfully graunted by the sayd archbishoppe of Canterbury, by auctoritey of the lawes and statutes of this realme, paing onely for the sealyng of euery such writyng .xx.s.iiii.d. And ouer that for the reasonable costes for peines of the writyng therof .iii.s.iiii.d. and not aboue, and for the peine taken for Dewe examination of euery such bulle, breue, and facultie .x.s.iiii.d. and not aboue. And that this present acte shalbe sufficient and immediate warrant to the chauncellour or keper of the great seale, for the sealyng and deliuey of such licences, faculties, dispensacions and other writynges, which shalbe made graunted and sealed vnder þe kinges great seale by vertue and auctoritey of this acte.

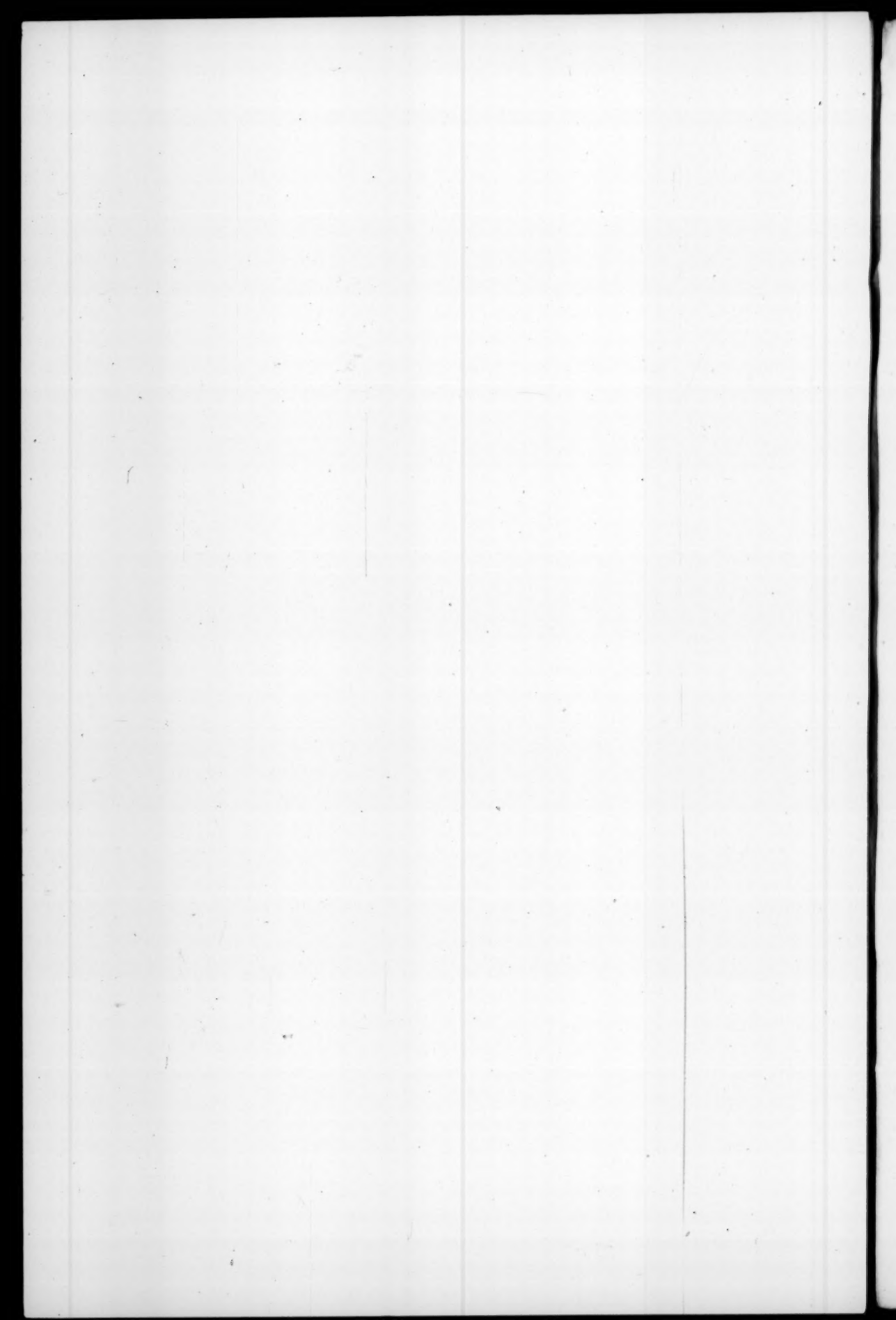
¶ And it is also enacted by auctoritey aforesayde, that all and euery suche licence, dispensation, facultie, confirmatiō or other writyng, to be had made or graunted vnder the kinges great seale out of the said court of chauncery by auctoritey of this acte, in fourme as is aboue rehersted, shall be good & effectuell to þe sayd partyes suing for the same, accordinge to the tenor and effectes therof, & shalbe admitted, accepted and allowed in all courtes and places of this realme, and in al other the kinges Dominions: any blage prescription forein lawes, customes or ordinance to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

¶ An acte giuing auctoritey to such as shall succede to þe crowne of this realme, whan they come to the age of .xxiiii. yeres, to make frustrate such actes as shall be made afore in their time. Cap. xvii.



¶ As much as lawes and statutes may happen hereafter to be made within this realme, at parlamentes holden at such time as the kinges of the same shall happen to be within age, hauing small knowledge and experience of their affaires, to the greate hinderance and derogation of the imperiall crowne of this realme, and to the vniuersal domage of the cōmon wealth of þe subiectes of the same: Be it therfore enacted by auctoritey of this present parliament, that if the imperiall crowne of this realme, after the deceasse of the kynges moste royall maiestie, whose life our lord longe preserue, descende, come, or remayne, to the heires of our sayde soueraigne lord, or to any person to be limited by his highnes, as of very ryght it muste and ought to do, accordyng to the lawes of this realme established for þe same, the sayd heires or suche person beinge within the age of .xxiiii. yeres, and that then any acte or actes of parliament shall happen to be made and established in any parliamente, that then shall be holden, befoze such heire or heires, person or persons then beinge in possession of the sayd crowne, shall be of the full ages of .xxiiii. yeres: that then euery suche heire or heires of
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our sayd soueraigne lord, or such person so possessed of the crowne, and beinge within the same age of xxiij. yerres, shal haue full power and auctoritey at all times after they shal come to theyr sayde full ages of xxiij. yeaeres by theyr letters patentes, vnder the great seale of England, to reuoke, adnull, and repeale all and singular such actes, made and established by theyr royall assentes in any parlamente holden during the time that they were within their said age of xxiij. yeaeres, theyr royall assentes had to the same, during the time that they were within the said age of xxiij. yeaeres, or any acte or actes hereafter to be made to the contrarye thereof notwithstanding.

And be it also enacted by auctoritey aforesaid, that euery such repeale adnullation and reuocation of any acte or actes, that shalbe made & established in any parliament, holden before the time that such heyrres or person, possessed of the crowne, shalbe of y^e sayd age of xxiij. yerres, shalbe as good and effectual to all intentes and purposes, as though it had ben done by auctoritey of parliament.

An act concerning treason in certayne cases. Cap. xviij.



Be it enacted by auctoritey of this present parlamente, y^e if any man, of what estate, degree or condicion soeuer he be, at any time hereafter, take vpon him to espouse, mary, or take to his wife any of the kings children, being lawfully bozne, or otherwise, comonly reputed or takē for his children, or any of the kings sisters or aunes of the part of y^e father or any the lawfull childre of the kings brethren or sisters, or contract mariage with any of them, w^out the especial licence, assent, consent and agreement first thereunto had & obteyned of the kings highnes in wyrtynge vnder his graces great seale, or defile or defloure any of the not being married, shalbe deemed & adiudged a traytour to the king and to his realme. And y^e euery such offence hereafter to be done made or perpetrated, contrary to this act, shalbe adiudged & deemed to be high treason. And y^e euery mā so offending, & their abettours, procurers, comforters, counsailers & aydours being lawfully convict of any such offence, according to the lawes of this realme, shal haue & suffer such and like peines & execution of deth, losses of priuiledges of sainctuary, & forsaitures of lands, tenements & hereditamentes to all intentes and purposes, as in cases of high treason apperteyneth. Sauinge to all and euery person and persons, bodieis politike and corporate, theyr heyrres & successours, and to the heyrres and successours of euery of them, other thā the lord Thomas Howard, and his heires, and all other persons, which shal fortune hereafter to be attainted by auctoritey of this acte, and their heires and euery of them, all such right, title, interest, possession, leases, annuities, rentes, seruices, reuercions, remainders, offices, fees, commons, condicions and other comodities, profites & hereditamentes

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tes, in such maner fourme quality and condicion, as they or anye of them haue had, should or might haue had, if this act had neuer ben had nor made: any thing in this present act to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Provided alway and be it enacted, that in every such case before rehearsed, the woman after the last day of this parliament so offending, beinge wythin the degrees before specified, shall incurre like daunger and penalty, as is before limited, and shall suffer such like death and punishment, as is before appointed to the man offendinge in maner and fourme expessed in this acte.

God saue the Kinge.

